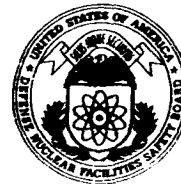


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July 21, 2005

The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Bodman:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is in receipt of your July 11, 2005, letter notifying the Board of the need for an extension of 45 days beyond July 12, 2005, in which to submit an Implementation Plan for Recommendation 2004-2, *Active Confinement Systems*.

Please be advised that the Board concurs and agrees to such an extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Eggenberger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

A. J. Eggenberger
Chairman

c: Mr. Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.