

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****DOE Request for a 45-Day Extension To Respond To Recommendation 2002-2 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Weapons Laboratory Support of the Defense Nuclear Complex**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2002-2, concerning weapons Laboratory support of the DOE nuclear complex at Department of Energy Defense Nuclear

Facilities was published in the **Federal Register** on October 10, 2002 (67 FR 63081). In accordance with section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b), the Secretary transmitted the following response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board on November 21, 2002.

**DATES:** Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response are due on or before January 6, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning the Secretary's response to: Defense Nuclear

Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Karen L. Boardman, Director, Office of Complex Readiness, Albuquerque Operations Office, Pennsylvania & H Street, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM 87116.

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**Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.,**

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The Secretary of Energy  
Washington, DC 20585

November 21, 2002

The Honorable John T. Conway  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On October 3, 2002, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board issued recommendation 2002-2, *Weapons Laboratory Support of the Defense Nuclear Complex*. The Department agrees that providing the defense nuclear complex with appropriate support is an essential priority. The Department will require additional time to evaluate your recommended changes.

In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 2286d(b)(1), the Department requests an additional 45 days to respond to this recommendation. If the extension is granted, I will provide my response no later than January 8, 2003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Spencer Abraham".

Spencer Abraham



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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****DOE Response to Recommendation  
2002-1 of the Defense Nuclear  
Facilities Safety Board, Quality  
Assurance for Safety-Related Software**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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**SUMMARY:** The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2002-1, concerning quality assurance for safety-related software at Department

of Energy Defense Nuclear Facilities was published in the **Federal Register** on October 9, 2002 (67 FR 62960). In accordance with section 315(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2286d(b), the Secretary transmitted the following response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board on November 21, 2002.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Raymond J. Hardwick, Jr., Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations, Office of Corporate Safety Assurance, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20585.

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