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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary of Energy
U. S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Chu:

On October 26, 2009, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board), in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 2286a(a)(5), unanimously approved Recommendation 2009-2, *Los Alamos National Laboratory Plutonium Facility Seismic Safety*, which is enclosed for your consideration. This Recommendation identifies the need to execute both immediate and long-term actions that can reduce the risk posed by a seismic event at the Plutonium Facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

After you have received this Recommendation and as required by 42 U.S.C. § 2286d(a), the Board will promptly make it available to the public. The Board believes that this Recommendation contains no information that is classified or otherwise restricted. To the extent that this Recommendation does not include information restricted by the Department of Energy (DOE) under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. § § 2161-2168, as amended, please arrange to have it placed promptly on file in your regional public reading rooms. The Board will also publish this Recommendation in the *Federal Register*.

The Board will evaluate DOE's response to this Recommendation in accordance with the Board's Policy Statement 1, *Criteria for Judging the Adequacy of DOE Responses and Implementation Plans for DNFSB Recommendations*.

Sincerely,

John E. Mansfield, Ph.D.
Vice Chairman

Enclosure

c: The Honorable Thomas P. D'Agostino
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