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Ms. Danielle Brian
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Dear Ms. Brian:

I am responding to your letter to Secretary Bodman dated December 12, 2006, concerning safety at the Pantex Plant. This issue has the attention of the Secretary and all levels of the Department of Energy and BWXT Pantex management. Let me assure you we take the concerns raised by the November 7, 2006, anonymous letter to BWXT very seriously. As you note in your letter, both the Department of Energy and BWXT Pantex are investigating the allegations, and we will take all appropriate corrective actions.

Safety of the workforce at Pantex and the public is our utmost concern. We will keep you and other interested parties informed of the progress of our investigations and as we institute any necessary improvements for safer operations.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. D'Agostino
Deputy Administrator
for Defense Programs

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