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Dr. Arjun Makhijani, Ph.D.  
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Dear Dr. Makhijani:

I received your April 21, 2006, letter transmitting a copy of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research report entitled "*Weapons Plutonium in Los Alamos Soil and Waste: Environmental, Health, and Security Implications*" dated November 29, 2005, that was revised to account for the plutonium used in hydro-nuclear tests. The revised report is entitled "*Dangerous Discrepancies: Missing Weapons Plutonium in Los Alamos National Laboratory Waste Accounts.*"

I understand these corrections do not change the conclusions of the IEER Report issued on November 29, 2005. Similarly, our previous response (enclosed) remains unchanged. The Department of Energy takes very seriously its stewardship responsibility for special nuclear material (SNM) and continues to exercise stringent control and accountability of our SNM holdings.

If you have any questions or concerns or require additional details, please contact Michael Ray Ferry, Assistant Manager of the Los Alamos Site Office of Security Management. Mr. Ferry can be reached at (505) 665-4940.

Sincerely,

Linton F. Brooks  
Administrator

Enclosure

