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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

BEFORE THE ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD

In the Matter of	)	
	)	Docket No. 40-8838-MLA
U.S. ARMY	)	
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(Jefferson Proving Ground Site)	)	

NRC STAFF STATUS REPORT

On February 21, 2006, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board ("Board") issued an order concerning the status of the NRC Staff's ("Staff's") review of the U.S. Army's ("Licensee's") license amendment request. See Memorandum and Order (Requesting Status Report) (February 21, 2006). The Board requested the Staff's best current estimate of the date by which its technical review will likely be completed and the documents reflecting the conclusions reached therein made public. *Id.*

The Staff estimates it will complete its environmental and technical reviews and issue its Environmental Assessment (EA) and Safety Evaluation Report (SER) setting forth the Staff's position on the license amendment request no later than April 28, 2006. If warranted by the Staff's conclusions, the Staff will also issue a license amendment package at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland  
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