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Vice Admiral James A. Zimble, MD, USN (Ret)
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Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction
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Dear Admiral Zimble:

Thank you for your letter regarding the recommendations that were approved at the June 2009 meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR). The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) concurs with the recommendations, and the Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR) Program is already taking action to implement them.

With regard to Recommendation 1, the NTPR Program requested a peer review of its proposed Quarterly Quality Report from VBDR Subcommittee 3 on June 30, 2009. Upon receipt of the Subcommittee's comments, NTPR will finalize this report format and submit its first quarterly report in early October 2009.

In accordance with Recommendation 2, the NTPR Program continues to refine its Decision Summary Sheet. Version 3.1 was implemented in October 2008, and NTPR will seek VBDR Subcommittee 3 guidance on this product's development.

On behalf of DTRA and the NTPR Program, I wish to express my continued appreciation to the Board for its hard work and assistance.

If you require any further information, please contact me at 703-767-4551 or have your staff contact Dr. Paul Blake of the NTPR Program, Nuclear Technologies Directorate at 703-767-3384 or Paul.Blake@dtra.mil.

Sincerely,

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Sir - Thank you again for your leadership! This is a very important initiative!

cc: Under Secretary for Benefits, VA