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The Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Dingell:

Thank you for your letter dated March 11, 2008 requesting a non-Official Use Only (OUO) version of the Homeland Security Institute's (HSI) review of the testing and performance of the Advanced Spectroscopic Portal (ASP) monitors being developed by the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, and requesting information regarding the Department's intent to compete or extend the contract, currently with Analytic Services, Inc., to operate the HSI.

The 178-page HSI review of the ASP testing program, dated February 20, 2008, is designated OUO due to the highly sensitive nature of DHS' efforts to prevent nuclear terrorism. We will be in touch with your staff to better understand the request for a non-OUO version that you would like to make public given the sensitive nature of the subject matter.

We are actively working on the information pertinent to the other issues you have identified in your letter, and expect to provide it to you in the next two to three weeks. The Department's Office of Legislative Affairs will continue to keep your staff apprised of our progress in this regard.

An identical letter has been sent to the Ranking Member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce as well as to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, Committee on Energy and Commerce. If you have any questions, please contact my office at (202) 447-3400.

Sincerely,

Elaine C. Duke
Deputy Under Secretary for Management