

[DOE LETTERHEAD]

August 14, 1992

The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
Suite 700
625 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Conway:

Your letter of July 24, 1992, stated your need for both qualitative and quantitative information regarding resources devoted to strengthening Department of Energy (DOE) standards.

On June 9, 1992, when I briefed the Board on the then current status of our implementation plan for your Recommendation 91-1, I agreed to provide you with the number of Nuclear Energy (NE) and Environment, Safety and Health (EH) personnel assigned at Headquarters to develop nuclear safety standards and the number of contractor employees providing support to these organizations. These numbers are shown in the enclosed table. The table also provides data for the Office of Defense Programs and the Office of Environmental Restoration and Waste Management in addition to the information committed for NE and EH. The numbers provided in this table were compiled during July and are not precise to a given day. It should be noted that the number of people assigned to this work changes frequently as the specific scopes of the task change; therefore, the numbers given in the enclosed table are variable.

The action plan developed in response to 91-1 provides for examining the resources required in field and contractor organizations to implement nuclear safety standards. This examination will be a three-phased approach reviewing numbers and qualifications of personnel involved in standards efforts. We will provide this information to the Board as it becomes available in accordance with the action plan schedule.

Sincerely,

William H. Young
Assistant Secretary
for Nuclear Energy

Enclosure

Nuclear Safety Standards Development and Implementation Staffing/1

Organization/Role	Headquarters DOE Staff (FTE)	Contractor Staff Support (FTE)
NE - Nuclear Safety Standards Development	31	46
NE - Nuclear Safety Training Standards Development	1	31
EH - ES&H Standards Development	23	38
DP - Standards Development and Implementation /2	76	50
EM - Standards Development and Implementation /3	7	6
Totals	138	171

/1 As of mid-July 1992. Variable due to the changing nature of the tasks.

/2 DOE field and contractor staff devoted to nuclear safety related standards activities will be provided as it becomes available in accordance with the action plan.

/3 An additional 52 DOE and 343 contractor staff are devoted to EM nuclear safety related standards in the field.