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**The Secretary of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

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

Dear Mr. Conway:

This is in response to your letter of January 21, 1993, transmitting Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 93-1, Standards Utilization in Defense Nuclear Facilities.

Our staffs are continuing discussions on the issues contained in the Board's Recommendation. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 2286d(b), the Department is requesting a 45-day extension to provide its response to Recommendation 93-1, by which time we will provide you with a definitive response.

Sincerely,

  
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