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

November 18, 1994

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:

The Department of Energy accepts the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 94-3, Rocky Flats Building 371 Plutonium Storage Safety. An implementation plan is being prepared which will respond to specific recommendations and will describe the integrated planning for development of the safety basis for Rocky Flats Building 371 plutonium storage.

The Department agrees in principle with your assessment of the unique safety importance of the projected storage mission. The implementation plan will describe the systems approach to the preparation of the documentation needed to support the facility mission, including determination of cost-beneficial design upgrades. The evaluation of seismic hazards will include assessment of the facility's seismic margin. Safety analysis will consider consequences of "beyond design basis accidents".

We will work closely with you and your staff to develop a responsive implementation plan. That plan will be forwarded to you in accordance with 42 U.S.C. section 2286d.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hazel R. O'Leary".

Hazel R. O'Leary