

[DNFSB LETTERHEAD]

May 31, 1994

The Honorable Hazel R. O'Leary
Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary O'Leary:

During the past year, the Board has increased its efforts to monitor activities at the Department of Energy (DOE) Hanford Site. These efforts have included an increase in visits and safety reviews by both the Board and its staff.

We have now concluded that our oversight activities can be improved by assigning an experienced senior technical staff person to serve on site as the Board's Hanford Site Representative. This action, which is in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 2286b(h), will be effective on June 17, 1994, with the scheduled arrival of Mr. Paul Gubanc at the site.

These arrangements have been discussed with DOE-Richland and we look forward to continued openness and cooperation with the Richland operations. Mr. John Straub, the Board's outside expert at Hanford, will continue his activities as before.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway
Chairman

c: The Honorable Thomas P. Grumbly, EM-1
Mr. Mark Whitaker, Acting EH-6
Mr. John Wagoner, Manager Richland Operations Office

Enclosure