



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

July 11, 1995

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

Dear Chairman Conway:

Mr. Thomas Grumbly, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, notified you in a March 9, 1995, letter that there has been a number of delays implementing Recommendation 93-5 and that we have stopped working on six commitments in our Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan. This is to notify you that we have determined two of these six commitments are unnecessary, and we intend to delete them from Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan. This notification is in accordance with change control procedures (Section 7 of the Implementation Plan) we agreed to follow.

The Department intends to delete Commitments 5.1 and 5.4 from the Implementation Plan. These commitments address testing for ferrocyanide materials within core segments removed from the tanks. When we reviewed our data needs to ensure safe storage, retrieval, and treatment of tank wastes, we determined that we did not need the data these two commitments would provide.

Thank you for your continued interest in our characterization program.

Sincerely,

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

Hazel R. O'Leary