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June 5, 1995

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Please be advised that, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2286d(e), the Department of Energy requires an additional 45 days to respond to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 94-5, Integration of DOE Safety Rules, Orders, and Other Requirements.

The Department Standards Committee has assigned a focus group of Department senior management to develop an Integrated Standards Management Plan. The Management Plan will be approved by the Department Standards Committee and will provide an integrated and coordinated approach for all standards activities in the transition from the old orders system to the new, revised orders or rules. A 45-day extension is required to define more clearly the order-to-rule transition process and to develop the Standards Management Plan that will provide input for the Implementation Plan. The Implementation Plan for Recommendation 94-5 will be provided by July 20, 1995.

Sincerely,

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