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The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Conway:

The Department of Energy, Office of Nuclear Material and Facility Stabilization (EM-60) has prepared the enclosed draft handbook, entitled ***Facility Deactivation End Points Handbook***, to provide information to all DOE sites and facilities undergoing stabilization and/or deactivation. The handbook presents two methods that can be used to define end points - which translate overall upper-tier goals to explicit objectives that can be understood and implemented as a work package. End points explicitly define the specific physical condition of a facility when deactivation is complete. It is important to note that the handbook ***does not*** provide specific end points for any facilities or activities, but rather consistent methods and processes under which end points can be defined.

The handbook is being provided for your information, and to help clarify how we are proceeding defining end points for material stabilization and facility deactivation activities. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 202/586-5151 or Andrew Szilagy at 301/903-4278.

Sincerely,

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