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The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
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Dear Mr. Conway:

One of our Recommendation 94-1 commitments, "Repackage 256 items of plutonium metal in contact with plastic at Rocky Flats by October 31, 1995," (Implementation Plan milestone 3.2-020) will be missed by four weeks. I expect the remaining 79 items to be repackaged by December 1, 1995. As the Nuclear Materials Stabilization Task Group already discussed with your staff, I attribute this missed milestone largely to the inability of the contractor to perform. This activity was incentivized by fee for an October 31 completion; therefore the contractor will receive no fee for its completion.

I want to strongly communicate our resolve to meet all Recommendation 94-1 commitments. I take these commitments very seriously and hold my staff and contractors accountable for their completion.

I intend to closely track progress in meeting our commitments at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site. In addition, the Nuclear Materials Stabilization Task Group will, of course, continue close liaison with your staff.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management