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Mr. Richard J. Guimond
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Environmental Management
Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585-0113

Dear Mr. Guimond:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) received two letters from you dated January 3, 1996 that relate to the status of training and post-training evaluation programs pursuant to the Department of Energy (DOE) Implementation Plan for Board Recommendation 91-6. Both letters concluded with a statement to the effect that the office of Environmental Management (EM) does not believe that further reports to the Board on the status of these programs are required.

The Board cannot agree with EM that further reporting is not required. We are concerned with the unilateral nature of the apparent decision by EM to abrogate terms of the 91-6 Implementation Plan.

As long as Recommendation 91-6 remains in effect, the Board will continue to expect DOE reports on the status of each program covered by the Implementation Plan unless both parties agree that the item is closed or that a modification of the Plan is appropriate.

The Board therefore expects to receive further information from EM on the status of core training for general employees, radiological workers, and radiological control technicians and on implementation of post-training evaluation and retention testing programs. Implementation Plans submitted by the DOE Secretary and agreed to by the Board cannot unilaterally be changed by either party.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John T. Conway".

John T. Conway
Chairman

c: M. Whitaker