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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the Department of Energy's (DOE) Preliminary Report, *Complex-Wide Review of DOE Low-Level Waste Management ES&H Vulnerabilities*, dated March 1996. DOE committed to provide this deliverable as detailed in Secretary O'Leary's March 31, 1995, Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 94-2. The deliverable includes three volumes. Volume I provides an overall summary of the complex-wide review effort, including the assessment methodology, site-specific vulnerabilities, complex-wide vulnerabilities, and DOE's conclusions and recommendations. Volume II discusses in detail the assessment methodology and evaluation instruments developed by DOE for the complex-wide review. Volume III includes the Site Specific Assessment Reports for each of the 38 sites for which assessments were conducted, including 8 sites (10 facilities) for which on-site assessments were conducted and 28 sites for which assessments were conducted through document reviews and interviews with DOE Headquarters, Field Office, and site personnel.

This document is unclassified and is suitable for placement in the public document room. DOE is transmitting this preliminary report to the DNFSB and DOE managers for review and comment, and will prepare a final report for delivery to the Board on May 17, 1996. We are requesting that all comments on this report be provided to DOE by Friday, April 30, 1996.

Sincerely,

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