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December 31, 1996

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

DELAY TO THE COMPLETION OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB) RECOMMENDATION 93-5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (IP), REVISION 1, MILESTONE 5.4.3.5.h, "LETTER REPORTING COMPLETION OF SUPPORTING TECHNICAL DOCUMENT ON FLAMMABLE GAS SAFETY ISSUE"

This letter reports a delay to the completion of the "Flammable Gas Project Topical Report," HNF-SP-1193, Revision 1, dated December 1996, which is identified under the DNFSB Recommendation 93-5 IP, Revision 1, Milestone 5.4 3.5.h.

The IP requires this topical report to describe the current understanding of the Flammable Gas Safety Issue and future work for resolution of the issue.

Although this document is essentially complete, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office wishes to carefully consider additional comments which were received from our reviewers. We will report completion of this milestone by January 31, 1997.

A copy of Revision 0 of the subject report, WHC-SP-1193, has previously been transmitted to your staff. If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Jackson Kinzer, Assistant Manager for the Tank Waste Remediation System, on (509) 376-7591.

Sincerely,

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