



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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

Dear Chairman Conway:

In the Implementation Plan for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 91-6, the Department of Energy committed that it would implement post-training evaluation and retention testing programs following implementation of standardized core training at defense nuclear facilities. Criteria for retention testing were included with the post-training evaluation guidelines distributed to Operations and Field Offices December 9, 1994. The guidelines provide for feedback into maintaining and upgrading the training courses to correct any deficiencies.

All Environmental Management defense nuclear facilities have implemented programs comparable to the guidelines, except for Mound and Rocky Flats which will have implemented comparable programs by the end of December 1995.

In view of the requirements of 10 CFR 835 Subpart J, that all workers be trained commensurate with their assignment, and the civil and criminal penalties that may be invoked under 10 CFR 820 for noncompliance, the Office of Environmental Management believes that this commitment will be met and maintained. The Office of Environmental Management also believes that no further reports regarding post-training evaluation and retention testing are required.

For any questions, please contact Dr. Maria Gavrilas-Guinn, the Radiological Control Program Advisor for Environmental Management, at 202-586-2232.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Guimond".

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