



**The Under Secretary of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

October 8, 1996

The Honorable John T. Conway  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The enclosed program plan was developed in response to issues raised in the Infrastructure Evaluation Team Report which addresses the weaknesses in the Department's occupational radiation protection program. This program plan fulfills a commitment made in response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 91-6, Radiation Protection.

The July 16, 1996 program plan has been distributed to all Departmental elements. Some minor editorial corrections were made in the enclosed revision I of the July 16, 1996 program plan. The Department's execution of the plan will be overseen by the Office of Oversight which will conduct regular assessments of progress toward completing the planned corrective actions. The assessment reports will be forwarded annually to the Board for review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas P. Grumbly".

Thomas P. Grumbly

Enclosure