



**Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the "Comparison of Low-Level Waste Disposal Programs of DOE and Selected International Countries" report dated June 1996. This document is deliverable VI.B.4.b.2, due to you as detailed in Secretary O'Leary's April 1996, Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 94-2. This report was developed to support the regulatory structure task for low-level waste management.

The International Comparison report will be used specifically, along with the earlier comparison report (December 1995) comparing the Department's program to non-Department programs in the United States, as input to the identification and modification of requirements for management of the low-level waste program. The report will also be used as a reference tool for further inquiry into requirements used by foreign countries.

The Department has completed the action identified under this deliverable commitment, and proposes closure of this commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark W. Frei" followed by a flourish.

Stephen P. Cowan  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Waste Management  
Environmental Management

Enclosure