



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

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I wanted to notify you of additional steps that I am taking in response to Recommendation 95-2, Safety Management. As you know, the Safety Management Implementation Team has been established under the direction of Mr. Frank McCoy, Assistant Manager for Environment, Safety and Health at the Savannah River Site. Mr. McCoy reports directly to me in this capacity as Implementation Team Director. The Implementation Team consists of a small group of senior Department Officers with representation from Field and Program Offices.

The Implementation Team composition has been strengthened by the addition of three senior Department Managers. Messrs. Thomas W. Evans (HR-1.5), Joseph King (DP-45) and Emil Morrow (DP-3) have been added to the Team. The revised Implementation Team composition is set forth in Attachment 1.

Mr. Frank McCoy and select Team members are currently visiting each of the ten priority facilities to meet with appropriate personnel. Mr. McCoy and the Implementation Team will guide and support line management in effectively implementing Safety Management Systems. These initial meetings are the first step in a proactive response to systematically move towards an effective integrated Safety Management System.

We will keep the Board informed as to our progress in meeting the 95-2 Implementation Plan initiatives. We will ensure that full and open communications with the Board are maintained as we move forward. The Board's continuing support and cooperation are appreciated as we start our implementation activities.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas P. Grumbly  
Under Secretary

Enclosure  
(1) Implementation Team