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April 18, 1997

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed are two reports, " [Department of Energy Research and Development Activities Assessment](#)," and " [Department of Energy Research and Development Needs Assessment](#)," dated March 1997. These documents are deliverables due to you pursuant to the commitments in Task Initiative IX.B.1 and IX.B.2 of the Department of Energy's Implementation Plan, Revision I, for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 94-2.

Task IX.B.1 was originally completed and provided to you in June 1995. However, due to the length of time that has passed since that deliverable was submitted and the preparation of the research and development needs assessment in accordance with Task IX.B.2, we have revised the first deliverable to be more current and timely and are resubmitting that deliverable along with the needs assessment deliverable associated with Task IX.B.2.

The Department has completed the actions identified under these commitments and proposes closure of the commitments. The two remaining commitments under this Task Initiative, the determination of outstanding low-level waste research and development needs and the recommendation of a strategy for addressing those needs are expected to be delivered by June 30, 1997, and September 30, 1997, respectively.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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