



The Deputy 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, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman: *John*

This is in response to your September 15, 1997, letter concerning the Department's administration of contracts at several of its field sites. Specifically, your letter forwarded questions that addressed procedures and mechanisms for field sites to ensure the satisfaction of contractual safety requirements. I am pleased to forward the enclosed responses to the Board's questions. These responses were prepared and submitted by the eight field offices specifically identified in your letter.

We look forward to a continuing dialogue with you and the other Board members as we press ahead with our comprehensive contract reform initiative and implementation of integrated safety management. Should you need additional information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Enclosures