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The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700
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Dear Mr. Chairman:


DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB) RECOMMENDATION 93-5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (IP), REVISION 1, MILESTONE 5.4.3.1.d, "APPROVED FINAL SAFETY ANALYSIS REPORT (FSAR)"

In the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) letter from John Wagoner to you, titled "Delay in Completing Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan (IP), Revision 1, Milestone 5.4.3.1.d, "Approved Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR)," 98-SCD-033, dated March 28, 1998, RL stated that we would provide a date for the FSAR approval by April 30, 1998. This letter is to inform you of the expected date for RL Manager approval of the Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) FSAR.

The RL Tier II Review Team plans to complete the TWRS FSAR review and prepare the associated Safety Evaluation Report (SER) by September 30, 1998. The SER will be the culmination of an extensive Tier II technical analysis of the TWRS FSAR. The Tier III independent review will be conducted partially in parallel with the Tier II technical review; however, several months of review will be needed after the Tier II Review Team submits the SER. RL expects approval of the TWRS FSAR before January 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Steve Wiegman, TWRS, on (509) 372-2536.

Sincerely,


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