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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:

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)"

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that submittal of DNFSB Recommendation 93-5 IP, Revision 1, Milestone 5.4.3.1.d, "Approved Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR)," is delayed beyond the current target date of January 30, 1999. This date was forwarded in an RL letter from J. D. Wagoner to J. T. Conway, DNFSB, "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-TWR-015, dated April 29, 1998. The original milestone completion date was June 30, 1997.

The contractor transmitted the FSAR to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office (RL) on August 14, 1997. At this time, RL has completed the Tier II and Tier III Review processes. The technical issues have been resolved. However, an administrative issue regarding final approval from the Cognizant Secretarial Officer on the Facility Hazard Categorization needs to be resolved before proceeding with final approval.

RL plans to obtain approval of Facility Hazard Categorization from DOE Headquarters so the approval of the FSAR can be obtained by April 15, 1999. RL still intends to implement Phase I of the FSAR by September 1999.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Hall".

James C. Hall
Acting Manager

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