



## Department 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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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed are two Department of Energy (DOE) documents entitled, *Program Execution Plan for the <sup>233</sup>U Safe Storage Program, Revision 0* and *TBD/TBR Resolution Plan for the <sup>233</sup>U Safe Storage System Requirements Document, Revision 0*.

The first document, the Program Execution Plan (PEP), represents the deliverable for Commitment 17 of the Department's Implementation Plan (IP) addressing the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Recommendation 97-1 concerning safe storage of uranium-233 (<sup>233</sup>U). The PEP is a comprehensive multi-year program plan that will be used to complete 97-1 IP activities and define life cycle management of the Department's <sup>233</sup>U inventory.

The second document, the "TBD/TBR Resolution Plan," is the Department's plan for resolving open issues relating to the Systems Requirement Document, previously submitted to the Board in June, 1998 as a deliverable for Commitment 15. In our October 22, 1998 letter, the Department committed to provide this document to the Board as a part of the PEP submittal.

The 97-1 Technical Team is finalizing the Systems Engineering Management Plan (SEMP) and expects to have it complete and available to the Board by July 9, 1999.

With the issuance of the PEP, the Responsible Manager for the 97-1 IP has been changed from Mr. John Tseng to Mr. David G. Huizenga, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Material and Facility Stabilization, Office of Environmental Management. This change is consistent with the approach recently instituted for the Department's 94-1 IP and will further assure that the proper resources and management is applied to completing 97-1 IP and PEP activities.

We appreciate the productive interface provided by the Board staff in developing the PEP. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Mr. David Huizenga at (202) 586-0368.

Sincerely,



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