



**Department of Energy**  
**National Nuclear Security Administration**  
Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable John T. Conway  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, N.W.  
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Washington, D.C. 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In your letter of August 18, 2000, the Board forwarded a report of a staff review of the Fire Protection Program at the Y-12 Plant. As a result of this letter, the operating contractor had committed to delivery of a comprehensive site-wide action plan, which would address the issues raised in the August 18, 2000, letter to the Manager, Y-12 Area Office by October 27, 2000. With the change in management of the Y-12 Plant to BWXT (effective November 1, 2000), the contractor did not submit a deliverable, but instead requested an additional 60 days to provide a site-wide action plan. This will allow BWXT Y-12 senior management the opportunity to become involved in decisions regarding priorities and resources to support the fire protection program. The Department anticipates delivery of an approved plan to the Board by January 31, 2001.

If there are any questions please contact me, or have a member of your staff contact Xavier Ascanio at 301/903-3757.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Madelyn R. Creedon".

Madelyn R. Creedon  
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