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The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

LETTER OF APPRECIATION FOR STEVE STOKES

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office, I would like to extend our appreciation to your staff member, Steve Stokes. Mr. Stokes was the Hanford Site Representative from March 2000 to October 2000, and the Hanford Site Cognizant Engineer from December 1998 to March 2000.

Mr. Stokes was thorough and professional, with his focus on resolving issues. He maintained his independence, yet stayed closely informed and involved with Hanford issues. He brought safety issues to our attention for expeditious resolution. The missions of both the U.S. Department of Energy and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board were furthered by his work at Hanford. We look forward to continuing our working relationship with him in his new role within your organization.

Sincerely,

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Keith A. Klein
Manager

cc: K. Fortenberry, DNFSB
Technical Director
M. B. Whitaker, S-3.1



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The Honorable John T. Conway
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of River Protection (ORP) offers its appreciation to Steve Stokes of your technical staff. Steve was a Hanford Site Representative from March 2000 to October 2000, and was the Hanford Site Cognizant Engineer from December 1998 to March 2000. Our understanding is that he will again take the role of Hanford Site Cognizant Engineer upon his return to your Washington, D.C. staff. We are pleased to have the chance to continue our working relationship with him.

We have appreciated his assistance in understanding Board concerns with several important projects within the ORP. These projects include the closure of Board Recommendation 93-5; the safety issues surrounding Tank SY-101; and the retrieval of High-Heat Waste from Tank C-106.

Steve is appreciated as well for his approach to his work, which expedites resolution and closure of safety issues. He always works well with our staff to resolve safety issues while maintaining the independence needed to further the mission of your organization as well as ours. His engineering expertise, intelligence, and practicality are greatly admired by our staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. L. Boston".

Harry L. Boston
Acting Manager

cc: K. Fortenberry, DNFSB Technical Director
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