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Washington, DC 20585

April 19, 2001

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter forwards information concerning Commitment 9 of the Department's Implementation Plan for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Recommendation 2000-2, Configuration Management of Vital Safety Systems.

Enclosed is a copy of the *Assessment Criteria and Guidelines to Ascertain the Current Condition of Confinement Ventilation Systems*. This completes Commitment 9 of the Implementation Plan and the Department proposes closure of this commitment. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Neal Goldenberg, of my staff, at (301) 903-1236.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven V. Cary".

Steven V. Cary  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
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ACTING DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR DEFENSE  
PROGRAMS  
ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SCIENCE  
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FROM: STEVEN V. CARY *Steven Cary*  
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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES TO  
ASCERTAIN THE CURRENT CONDITION OF  
CONFINEMENT VENTILATION SYSTEMS AT DEFENSE  
NUCLEAR FACILITIES

This memorandum transmits Assessment Criteria and Guidelines to Ascertain the Current Condition of Confinement Ventilation Systems in Defense Nuclear Facilities. This fulfills Commitment 9 in the "*Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2000-2.*"

The attached criteria and guidelines were approved by the 2000-2 Implementation Plan Executive Team on April 10, 2001. In accordance with Commitment 10 of the Implementation Plan, these criteria and guidelines will be tested at two pilot facilities to assess confinement ventilation systems, and then revised as necessary before issuance for general use with Commitment 11.

If there are any questions related to this correspondence, please contact Dr. Neal Goldenberg of my staff on 301-903-1236.

Attachment

cc:  
2000-2 Executive Team Members

