



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

January 29, 2001

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Consistent with the Department's implementation plan for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 2000-2, I am forwarding the Department's *Initial Joint Review of Wildland Fire Safety at DOE Sites*. The report is the deliverable item under implementation plan commitment 12. The report is available electronically at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/iopa/reports/emevals/emevals.html>

The *Joint Review* notes several opportunities for improvement, and the Secretary signed a letter on January 19, 2001 (enclosed) assigning responsibilities for developing actions in response to the opportunities for improvement. The *Joint Review* also makes recommendations for the forthcoming Comprehensive Fire Safety Review. The Office of Environment, Safety and Health will consider the recommendations when planning the comprehensive review.

Sincerely,

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

Steven V. Cary
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Office of Environment, Safety and Health

Enclosures

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