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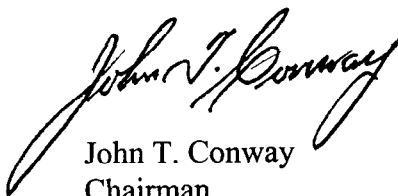
The Honorable Spencer Abraham
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Abraham:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is in receipt of your November 21, 2002 letter requesting an extension of 45 days to respond to the Board's Recommendation 2002-2.

In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 2286d.(b)(1), the Board grants the Secretary of Energy an additional period not to exceed 45 days.

Sincerely,



John T. Conway
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c: Mr. Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.