



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

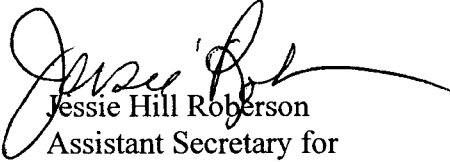
This letter is to report on the status of two Savannah River Site (SRS) commitments of Revision 2 to the *Implementation Plan for Stabilization and Storage of Nuclear Material* for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2000-1 (July 2002). Commitment 207 has been completed and commitment 224 is late. Specifically,

- Commitment 207: SRS began packaging plutonium metal into welded DOE-STD-3013 outer-cans on April 1, 2003.

- Commitment 224: Begin disposition of pre-existing high-enriched uranium (HEU) solutions, was due to be completed in March 2003. SRS began the blend-down of HEU solutions to low-enriched uranium (LEU) solutions in February 2003 and is ready to ship the material off-site for disposition. However, the Tennessee Valley Authority vendor has experienced project delays precluding their ability to receive the LEU solutions. The Department expects to begin shipment of LEU solutions by June 2003.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (202) 586-7709 or Mr. Paul Golan, Chief Operating Officer, at (202) 586-0738.

Sincerely,


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