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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. 20004-2091

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is to inform you that Commitments 202, 210, and 213 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) have been completed.

- Commitment 202: Completed converting pre-existing H-Canyon plutonium-239 solution to oxide on July 30, 2002. In addition to stabilizing plutonium to oxide, a large fraction of the H-Canyon plutonium solution was successfully transferred to the high-level waste system for vitrification through the Defense Waste Processing Facility.
- Commitment 210: The Savannah River Site commenced converting plutonium residue solution to oxide on September 20, 2002. Plutonium residue dissolution/disposition is on schedule to be completed by September 2005.
- Commitment 213: Completed the transfer of americium/curium solution to the high-level waste system on January 29, 2003. The americium/curium solution will be vitrified with high-level waste through the Defense Waste Processing Facility the same as the H-Canyon plutonium solution.

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

Sincerely,

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