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Washington, DC 20585
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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

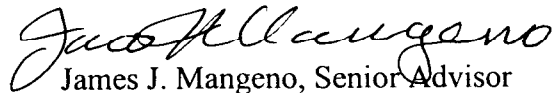
This letter provides you with an updated status on the Department of Energy effort to revise and re-issue the Nuclear Air Cleaning Handbook, a deliverable associated with the Department's 2000-2 implementation plan.

The process of resolving comments on the Handbook has proven more difficult than anticipated. We now expect to complete comment resolution in November 2003 with manual publication and issuance in December 2003.

We appreciate your staff's continued support in helping us complete this effort.

If you have any questions please contact me at 202-586-8395 or have your staff contact Jim Slawski at 301-903-5464.

Sincerely,


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for Environment, Safety and Health

cc: Mr. Mark Whitaker, DR-1

