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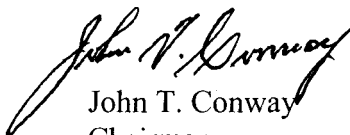
The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Bodman:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is in receipt of Secretary Abraham's January 31, 2005, letter requesting an extension of 45 days to respond to the Board's Recommendation 2004-2, *Active Confinement Systems*.

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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