

[DOE LETTERHEAD]

May 14, 1991

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

Dear Mr. Conway:

Under section 315 of Public Law 100-456, I am providing the Department of Energy (DOE) response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 91-2, dated March 27, 1991, for documenting the resolution of issues contained in the Westinghouse Savannah River Company Reactor Operations Management Plan (ROMP) for restart of the K-Reactor.

Board Recommendation 91-2 contained the following two recommendations:

1. that each closure package of an issue in the ROMP be provided with a brief narrative discussion that clarifies the meaning of the issue, describes the steps that were taken to resolve it, states the reason for concluding that closure has been achieved, and shows how the referenced documents support the claim of closure; and
2. that the DOE revert to its earlier plan to fully review and concur with the determinations of each issue closure.

I accept the Board's Recommendation 91-2. The actions required to adopt the recommendations already have been initiated in response to a discussion held with the Board on March 18, 1991.

Under section 318(d) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286d(d)) this response will be published in the Federal Register.

If you have any questions, please contact Steven D. Richardson (202/586-2185) of my staff.

Sincerely,

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