

**[DOE LETTERHEAD]**

August 11, 1992

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

Dear Mr. Conway:

On March 27, 1991, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (the Board) issued Recommendation 91-2, Closure of Safety Issues Prior to Restart of K-Reactor at the Savannah River Site. On May 14, 1991, the Secretary of Energy accepted the recommendation.

On December 11, 1991, the Secretary provided the Board with the remaining closure packages and advised the Board that all Reactor Operations Management Plan (ROMP) restart issues had been satisfactorily closed. These packages were reviewed by Board staff prior to the start up of the K-Reactor in May 1992. Therefore, the Department of Energy (DOE) considers its actions implementing Recommendation 91-2 complete and that the Recommendation is closed.

Finally, as part of ROMP, procedures, priorities, and schedules for items in the Reactor Safety Improvement Program (RSIP) were developed. Work toward completion of the RSIP items will continue following closure of Recommendation 91-2. The RSIP issues will be reviewed and approved by DOE using the same process developed for closure of ROMP restart issues. The Department will keep the Board fully informed of progress made and the status of RSIP in the future.

Sincerely,

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