



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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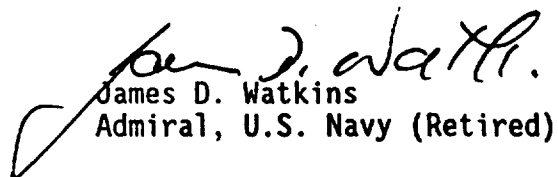
The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
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Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Conway:

This is to notify you, under section 315(e) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2286d(e)), that an extension of time is needed for the submittal of the Implementation Plan in connection with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 92-4.

The additional time is required to address adequately all of the Board's concerns and to allow time to incorporate public comments that have been received recently. The completed Implementation Plan will be submitted by February 4, 1993, which is 45 days after the original due date of December 22, 1992.

Sincerely,


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