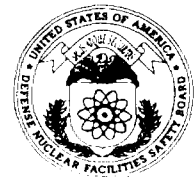


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The Honorable Thomas P. Grumbly  
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Dear Mr. Grumbly:

In a letter dated April 17, 1995, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) expressed its continuing interest in the status of emergency preparedness throughout the complex and provided a copy of the report by its staff on Exercise "Ready 94" at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS). The Board requested that it be informed within 90 days of the actions the Department of Energy (DOE) planned for addressing specific negative items identified in the report and shortcomings in emergency preparedness identified by DOE's own evaluations over the past three years.

Members of the Board's staff monitored the June 7, 1995, Corrective Action Drill at RFETS and have reported their observations to the Board. While this exercise exhibited some improvement over the preceding one, much remains to be done. In addition, the Board's staff has been unsuccessful in several attempts to determine from its counterparts at DOE the status of DOE's formal response to the Board's April 17, 1995, letter.

The Board requests that it be informed within ten days of the reasons for the delay in responding to its April 17, 1995, letter and provided with an aggressive schedule for furnishing the requested information.

Sincerely,



John T. Conway  
Chairman

c: The Honorable Tara J. O'Toole  
Mr. Mark Whitaker