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December 1, 1995

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

Dear Chairman Conway:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your <u>Recommendation 95-2</u> regarding Safety Management. The issues identified in the Recommendation are extensive and may have significant impact on many of our existing and developing programs and initiatives. Accordingly, the Department will require additional time to evaluate fully these cross-cutting issues and their impact from both a headquarters and field perspective.

In accordance with 42 U. S. C. 2286d, the Department requests an additional 45 days to respond to Recommendation 95-2. If a 45 day extension is granted, the Department will respond to the Board by January 17, 1996.

Sincerely,

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