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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
Recommendation 91-6, the Department of Energy (DOE) committed to "establish  
an Evaluation Team to conduct an independent, external evaluation of the  
Department Headquarters, Field/Operations, and contractor radiation  
protection infrastructure and resources dedicated to radiation protection at  
defense nuclear facilities." This evaluation team was to develop a report of  
their findings and, subsequently, the Department was to develop a management  
action plan based on the team's findings and recommendations.

As you are aware, the Department completed a management action plan that was  
forwarded to you in July 1995. The management action plan, however, deferred  
action on organizational issues pending a review of the recommendations that  
were to ensue from the Secretary's Strategic Alignment Initiative.

This letter is to update you on the progress of the comprehensive, revised  
management action plan that the Department has been developing. The final  
draft of the revised management action plan was completed in October 1995 and  
has been provided to representatives of the affected line organizations for  
review and comment before finalization. We expect the review to be completed  
this month and the final report issued in December 1995. If you should have  
any questions, please contact Mr. C. Rick Jones of my staff on  
301-903-6061.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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