



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

April 29, 1996

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

Dear Mr. Conway:

Your letter of March 21, 1996, regarding the continued reporting of Recommendation 91-6, Radiation Protection Implementation Plan's training and post-training reporting, indicated a serious concern with a perceived "unilateral nature" and apparent decision by the Office of Environmental Management to "abrogate the terms of the Department's Implementation Plan." The intent of the Department's correspondence of January 3, 1996, to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board was to advise you of the status of these Implementation Plan milestones and to suggest that these milestones have been completed.

The Office of Environmental Management will continue to inform the Board on the progress achieved in completing the remaining actions in the Implementation Plan. This information will be included in the quarterly report dedicated to the status of Recommendation 91-6.

The Office of Environmental Management has requested written status reports from the Mound Site on the radiological core training and from Mound and Rocky Flats on post-training evaluation and retention programs. The results of these analyses will also be included in the next quarterly report.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Dr. Maria Gavrilas-Guinn, the Radiological Control Program Advisor for the Office of Environmental Management, at (202) 586-2232.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "W. W. Guimond for".

Richard J. Guimond
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for Environmental Management

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