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RICHLAND OPERATIONS OFFICE

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

COMPLETION OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB)
RECOMMENDATION 93-5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (IP), REVISION 1, MILESTONE 5.4.3.5.I,
"LETTER REPORTING THAT EXTERNAL EQUIPMENT SPARK SOURCES IN FLAMMABLE
GAS TANKS HAVE BEEN MANAGED BY CONTROLS OR THE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN
MODIFIED"

This letter reports completion of the assessment for potential external equipment spark sources and their management by controls or equipment modifications, as identified under the DNFSB Recommendation 93-5 IP, Revision 1, Milestone 5.4.3.5.i.

The IP required potential external spark sources identified to be managed by appropriate controls or equipment modifications. Items identified during the assessment have: 1) the corrective action completed; 2) been disconnected or had power locked out; or 3) had the operation involving the component halted until modifications are completed.

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office has completed the actions identified under this milestone and proposes closure of this commitment.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Jackson Kinzer, Assistant Manager for the Tank Waste Remediation System on (509) 376-7591.

Sincerely,

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