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The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter provides formal notification of completion of two commitment actions and two internal management actions of the Department's Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 95-2, Integrated Safety Management.

Commitment 1.1 requires, in part, development and issue of a Draft Policy and Notice to define and institutionalize the Department's Safety Management System. The draft policy, which is included as Enclosure 1 to this letter, was developed on July 11, 1996, and issued for formal review and comment on July 15, 1996. I have determined there is no need for a Notice. If that should change as we progress through this effort, I will advise you accordingly.

Commitment 5.1 requires, in part, outlining a draft departmental approach for improving the technical expertise/competence necessary to implement the Safety Management System. The draft approach, which is included as Enclosure 2 to this letter, was developed on July 11, 1996, and adopts the outcome from the joint DOE/DNFSB conference on this subject conducted June 13-14, 1996. I recognize that the Board and Board staff have been working with the Department to finalize the outcome documents from that conference and the results of that effort will be reflected in a revision to Enclosure 2. This revision will be formally submitted to the Board before the end of this month.

Internal Management Action 1a of Appendix D to the Implementation Plan identifies action to establish a Safety Management Implementation Team for oversight of the plan and relevant DOE programs and initiatives. Internal Management Action 5a identifies action to develop and present Safety Management System awareness briefings to the Department and contractor management at the ten priority facilities. Enclosure 3 provides my documented closure of those actions to the Under Secretary.



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The first quarterly briefing, pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Implementation Plan, is scheduled for August 20, 1996. I look forward to any further discussion you may desire relative to completion of these actions as well as a review of actions in progress for the next quarter.

Sincerely,



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Implementation Team

3 Enclosures

- (1) Draft Safety Management System Policy
- (2) Draft Departmental Approach for Improving
the Technical Expertise/Competence Necessary
to Implement the Safety Management System
- (3) Report of Completed Internal Management
Actions to the Under Secretary

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