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September 30, 1996

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

Dear Mr. Conway:

Enclosed are the "Draft Safety Analysis Reports" (SAR) for the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, and the K-25 site. The Paducah and Portsmouth "Draft Safety Analysis Reports" are in two volumes; the K-25 Site SAR is one volume. These documents represent the fifth commitment as detailed in Secretary O'Leary's October 16, 1995, "Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 95-1."

The safety analysis reports, when finalized, will serve as the safety basis for cylinder storage and maintenance. The Department of Energy (DOE) will evaluate the Safety Analysis Reports in Safety Evaluation Reports. Both the Safety Evaluation Reports and the final Safety Analysis Reports will be provided in March 1997 as stated in the Implementation Plan.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure