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May 31, 1996

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

Dear Mr. Conway:

Enclosed is the "UF<sub>6</sub> Cylinder Program Engineering Development Plan" dated June 1996. This document satisfies the third commitment to the board as stated in Secretary O'Leary's October 16, 1995, "Implementation Plan for Recommendation 95-1." The engineering development plan identifies the process used to manage the progress, cost, and schedule of the engineering development activities prior to field deployment. In addition, the plan contains near-term development actions, costs, and schedules.

This document is unclassified and is suitable for placement in the public reading room.

Sincerely,

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Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology

Enclosure