



The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

June 26, 1997

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

Dear Chairman Conway:

Thank you for the suggestions provided in your letter of May 20, 1997, concerning the proposed amendment to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 835, "Occupational Radiation Protection." As you are aware, the Department is in the process of reviewing public comments received on the proposed rulemaking. Your suggestions will be considered with related public comments as our staff develops the final rulemaking package.

As in the previous phases of this project, staff members from the Department of Energy will continue to work with your staff as the final amendment is developed. This will afford the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board the opportunity to remain up-to-date on the status of the amendment and provide additional assistance in finalizing the amendment.

We greatly value your interest in our rulemaking efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Federico Peña".

Federico Peña

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