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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

COMPLETION DATES OF THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB) RECOMMENDATION 93-5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (IP), REVISION 1, MILESTONES TO RESOLVE THE HIGH-HEAT SAFETY ISSUE

My letter to you, "Late Delivery of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan (IP), Revision 1, Milestones to Resolve the High-Heat Safety Issue," 97-WDD-061, dated May 23, 1997, specified that the completion dates for DNFSB Recommendation 93-5 IP, Revision 1, Milestones 5.4.3.6.c, "Letter Reporting Initiation of Tank C-106 Waste Retrieval," and 5.4.3.6.d, "Letter Reporting Completion of Topical Report to Resolve the High-Heat Safety Issue," would be delayed. It also stated that the completion dates would be finalized after completion of the safety assessment.

The safety assessment was completed in September 1997. Completion dates for Milestones 5.4.3.6.c and 5.4.3.6.d have been determined to be November 1998, and December 1999, respectively.

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

Sincerely,

/John D. Wagoner Manager

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