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RICHLAND OPERATIONS OFFICE

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

COMPLETION OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB) RECOMMENDATION 935 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (IP), REVISION 1, MILESTONE 5.4.3.6.B. "LETTER REPORTING COMPLETION OF TANK C106 RETRIEVAL SAFETY ASSESSMENT"

This letter reports completion of the safety analysis for Project W320, Addendum to "Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) Basis for Interim Operation (BIO)," HNFSDWMBIO001, Revision 0, dated July 1997. This deliverable is identified under the DNFSB Recommendation 935 IP, Revision 1, Milestone 5.4.3.6.b.

This milestone was originally scheduled for completion during July 1997. However, as reported earlier, additional analyses were required to address new issues associated with flammable gas retention, steam bump, and anticipated upgrades resulting from these analyses.

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office approved the Safety Analysis on September 17, 1997, which completed the actions identified under this milestone and proposes closure of this commitment.

A draft copy of HNFSDWMBIO001, Revision 1, has been provided to your staff. Following issuance of the document, by midOctober 1997, it will be forwarded to your staff. If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Jackson Kinzer, Assistant Manager for TWRS, on (509) 3767591.

Sincerely,

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