



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585


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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:

I am responding to your request dated August 4, 1997, for the latest Significant Finding Investigation summary report (enclosed). These reports are the mechanism used by the laboratories to update Department of Energy management of anomalies found during surveillance. I am sure you understand the sensitive nature of this information and encourage an open dialogue between our staffs. Please have your staff contact Mark Byers at 301-903-2402 for further information.

Sincerely,


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Deputy Assistant Secretary
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Enclosure