

[DNFSB LETTERHEAD]

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The Honorable Federico Peña
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Peña:

This is a follow up to my [March 14, 1997](#), letter advising you that the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board looks forward to its first meeting with you.

The recent resignations of two knowledgeable and experienced aids, Tom Grumbly and Charles Curtis, obviously will make your job much more difficult. You are fortunate in one respect in that Al Alm continues to effectively carry on the demanding and difficult assignment as Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management. It would be a major mistake to permit unjustifiable criticism from a few outsiders to cause the loss of the services of this dedicated public servant.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway
Chairman