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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:


DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD RECOMMENDATION 92-4 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (IP), COMMITMENTS 5.2.1.(A) "DEVELOP A TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS SPECIFICATION FOR THE SECOND AND FUTURE TANK RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS IN THE TANK WASTE REMEDIATION SYSTEMS (TWRS) INITIAL TANK RETRIEVAL SYSTEM PROJECT (PROJECT W-211)" AND 5.2.1.(B) "PROVIDE A BASELINE COMPARISON REPORT FOR THE FIRST TANK RETRIEVAL SYSTEM IN THE TWRS INITIAL TANK RETRIEVAL SYSTEM PROJECT"

On December 30, 1997, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office notified your office of the delay in completion of the subject commitments, and committed to providing you with completion dates for these commitments by the end of January 1998.

Meetings with the TWRS contractor team have resulted in revisions to the plan and schedule for completion of the work required to meet these commitments. The technical requirements specification required to meet commitment 5.2.1.a will be completed by May 31, 1998. Subsequently, the baseline comparison report required to meet commitment 5.2.1.b will be completed by July 31, 1998.

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

Sincerely,


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