

Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585 August 17, 2000

The Honorable John T. Conway Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, NW Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Effective August 7, 2000, Mr. Ralph Erickson is designated as the Responsible Manager for implementation of Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 96-1. Mr. Erickson is currently the Acting Assistant Manager for High Level Waste, Savannah River Operations Office, and succeeds Mr. Roy J. Schepens as the Responsible Manager. Mr. Erickson can be reached at (803) 208-6072.

Sincerely,

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