

Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

March 6,2001

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Please find attached a set of eleven recent reports forwarded from the Office of Independent Environment, Safety and Health Oversight. These reports are forwarded to the Board in accordance with the Department's Interface Manual (DOE M 140.1-1A, Section VI. 1.e) which has institutionalized the Secretary's commitment to provide the Board with copies of routinely-developed reports in the health and safety areas for Departmental defense nuclear facilities. If you have any questions or comments on the attached material, please do not hesitate to contact me or Dr. David Stadler (at 30 1/903-6457).

Sincerely,

Mark B. Whitaker

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MEMORANDUM FOR Mark B. Whitaker, S-3.1

Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities

Safety Board

FROM:

S. David Stadler, EH-2

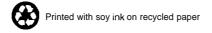
SUBJECT:

Office of Environment, Safety and Health Assessment Report

In keeping with the Secretary's commitment to provide the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board with complete and timely information on the Department's oversight activities, the Office of Independent Environment, Safety and Health Oversight is forwarding the following documents for transmittal to the Board.

- 1. Independent Review of the High Flux Isotope Reactor Tritium Leak February 2001
- 2. Focused Safety Management Evaluation of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory, January 2001
- 3. Initial Joint Review of Wildland Fire Safety at DOE Sites, December 2000
- 4. Inspection Report on the Modification of Hanford Tank Farm Ventilation System Controls, December 2000
- 5. Independent Evaluation of Authorization Basis for Hanford K Basins, November 2000
- 6. Independent Investigation of the East Tennessee Technology Park, October 2000; Volume I:- Past Environment, Safety, and Health Practices
- 7. Independent Investigation of the East Tennessee Technology Park, October 2000; Volume II:- Current Environment, Safety, and Health Programs and Issues
- 8. Inspection Report on the Gamma Irradiation Facility Pool Leak, September 2000
- 9. Evaluation of Authorization Basis Management Systems and Processes at the Pantex Plant, August 2000
- 10. Independent Oversight Review of Department of Energy Contractor Occupational Medicine Programs from June 1998 to December 1999
- 11. Type A Accident Investigation of the March 16, 2000 Plutonium-238 Multiple Intake Event at the Plutonium Facility, Los Alamos National Laboratory, July 2000

Office of Independent Environment, Safety& Health Oversight documents are also accessible on the Internet from our home page. Instructions to access reports are included as Attachment 1.



If you have any questions or comments concerning the attached material, please contact me at 301-903-6457 or Frank Russo at 301-903-1845.

S. David Stadler, PhD Deputy Assistant Secretary Office of Independent ES&H Oversight Environment, Safety and Health

Attachments

Attachment 1

Directions to Access the Office of Independent ES&H Oversight Reports

- Open an Internet browser
- In the space/window for location, type in the Office of Independent ES&H Oversight Home Page URL

http://tis.eh.doe.gov/oversight/reports/index.html

- A page with links to various series of Oversight documents will appear on the screen
- Click on the desired document series
- Click on the listed/desired document