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National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585

September 24, 2001

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:

This is a follow-up to our interim response, dated July 26, 2001, to your letter of June 28, 2001, regarding readiness to start a new disassembly campaign at the Y-12 Site. As required, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) was briefed on August 24, 2001, on the path forward for the weapon dismantlement effort at the Y-12 National Security Complex. As committed to you during that briefing, the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) will brief the Board on restart of the dismantlement effort after completion of the BWXT Y-12 Corporate Readiness Assessment (RA) and prior to commencing the NNSA RA. NNSA Headquarters staff will coordinate with Board staff on scheduling the briefing at the appropriate time.

If there are questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Xavier Ascanio at 301-903-3757.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. E. Beck".

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