



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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


Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we have completed our review of CH2M Hill Hanford Group, Inc. (CHG) with regard to the concerns outlined in your October 2, 2001, letter. A concern was expressed regarding CHG's Integrated Safety Management System (ISMS) in the areas of feedback and improvement as well as corrective action management. Based on the results from a September 2002 Focused Review of the CHG ISMS, we believe CHG is now implementing an acceptable ISMS. CHG, however, will need to continue the progress it has made to fully address several identified weaknesses.

On October 22, 2002, you were briefed by Office of River Protection and CHG management on both the strengths and weaknesses identified in the focused ISMS review report. I have enclosed a copy of the report for your information.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-7709 or Ms. Sandra Johnson at (202) 586-0755.

Sincerely,


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