



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:

This is to follow up on Deputy Secretary Blake's letter of November 14, 2001. I am pleased to confirm that the Department of Energy (DOE) has established and implemented appropriate procedures to ensure that material generated by the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board will be reviewed for both classified and unclassified sensitive information in a timely manner. Specifically, the Office of Classified and Controlled Information Review within the Office of Security will conduct all classification and Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information reviews and will coordinate the review of unclassified, sensitive program-specific vulnerability type information by the relevant Program Office. These procedures are now fully implemented.

In addition, the Department has reviewed its current safeguards and security classification guidance and has determined that it properly reflects the protection to be afforded this sensitive information.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at (202) 586-3345. My staff point of contact for this matter is Jeffrey A. Zarkin, Acting Director, Office of Classified and Controlled Information Review, who may be reached at (301) 903-3521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. S. Mahaley".

Joseph S. Mahaley
Director
Office of Security

