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National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In a letter to you dated May 17, 2002, Dr. Beckner committed to provide some additional information on the Sandia Underground Reactor Facility (SURF) design as soon as this information was reviewed, verified, and ready for independent review. I have since decided to cancel the SURF project and want to formally close the aforementioned letter commitment.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-586-0568, or have your staff contact Mr. Ken Kellar at 301-903-8046.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. H. Crandall".

David H. Crandall
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