

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. 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the return of Savannah River (SR) High Level Waste Tank 50 to service as described in Commitment 3.4 of the Department's approved Implementation Plan in response to Board Recommendation 2001-01. Tank 50 was successfully returned to service on June 3, 2003, following completion of a solids removal campaign.

If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 586-0738 or Mr. Jeffrey Allison, Manager, Savannah River Operations Office at (803) 725-2405.

Sincerely,

. Paul M. Golan

Chief Operating Officer

Office of Environmental Management

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