



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

May 12, 2003

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 notify you, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286d(e), that the Department of Energy will require up to an additional 45 days to transmit the implementation plan for addressing the issues raised in the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) Recommendation 2002-3, *Requirements for the Design, Implementation, and Maintenance of Administrative Controls*. A draft implementation plan has been prepared and shared with your staff. Your staff has provided comments on the implementation plan. The Department will address these comments in the final implementation plan.

If you have any questions regarding the implementation plan, please contact me or have your staff contact Ms. Beverly A. Cook, Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health, at (202) 586-6151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Spencer Abraham".

Spencer Abraham

