

## **Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is to inform you that Commitment 2.8 of the Department of Energy's Implementation Plan for Recommendation 2001-1, "High-Level Waste Management at the Savannah River Site" has been completed.

Commitment 2.8 was to complete the conceptual design for the Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF) at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The conceptual design report has been provided to your staff.

Should you or your staff have any questions concerning these issues, please contact me at (202) 586-0738 or Jeffery Allison, Manager Savannah River Operations Office, at (803) 952-6337.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Chief Operating Officer Office of Environmental Management

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