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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 219 of Revision 2 to the Implementation Plan (IP) for Stabilization and Storage of Nuclear Material for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2000-1 (July 2002) has been completed.

Commitment 219 was to initiate the neptunium stabilization activities in the HB-Line Facility at the Savannah River Site. The first precipitation was successfully completed on August 18, 2004, eight months ahead of the April 2005 commitment identified in the IP. Completion of the stabilization activities are on schedule to be completed before December 2006 as specified in Commitment 220.

If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 586-0738 or call Jeffrey Allison, Manager, Savannah River Operations Office, at (803) 952-6337.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Chief Operating Officer Environmental Management

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