

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, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Department of Energy has completed its revision and issuance of the *Nuclear Air Cleaning Handbook* (DOE-HDBK-1169-2003), a deliverable as part of the Department's Implementation Plan in response to Board Recommendation 2000-2, *Configuration Management, Vital Safety Systems*. The *Nuclear Air Cleaning Handbook* is posted on the Department's technical standards website at the following address: (http://tis.eh.doe.gov/techstds/standard/standfrm.html). This completes the Department's actions to fulfill commitment 24 of the 2000-2 Implementation Plan.

If you have questions in this regard, please call me at (301) 903-0124.

Sincerely,

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