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Mr. John T. Conway, Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Ave, N.W. Suite 700  
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Dear Mr. Conway:

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB) RECOMMENDATION 92-4  
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN SIX-MONTH STATUS REPORT

Enclosed is the subject report for the six-month period ending March 31, 1996. This report is being submitted in lieu of two separate quarterly reports; one for the period of October 1995 through December 1995 and one for the period of January 1996 through March 1996.

The reason for this "one time" change to a six-month status report is that the Fiscal Year (FY) 1996 quarterly report for October 1995 through December 1995 came to me in March 1996 for concurrence, and I determined it needed rework prior to transmittal to you. Based on the tardiness of this first quarter report, I determined it best to combine the first and second quarterly reports into the enclosed six-month report. The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) will be back on a regular quarterly reporting interval to the DNFSB with the FY 1996 third quarter report.

RL was recently made aware of a discrepancy between the DNFSB and RL records on the 92-4 Implementation Plan commitment status. As a result, a number of commitments considered complete by RL were reopened and are discussed in the enclosed report. RL, and specifically the Office of Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS), is evaluating actions required to complete those commitments as part of our effort to revise the 92-4 Implementation Plan. TWRS and HQ are working with the DNFSB staff and will come to closure by mid-June 1996 on an acceptable status of these commitments and a path forward. The required actions will be incorporated in the revised 92-4 Implementation Plan that is currently scheduled for submittal to the DNFSB in mid-summer.

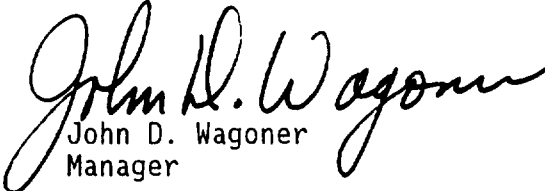
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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Alan Colburn, of the Project Management Division, on (509) 376-6671.

Sincerely,

  
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