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The Honorable John T. Conway Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In response to your letter of January 8, 1999, enclosed is a report containing data, compiled by the Office of Environment, Safety and Health, which identifies the safety-related systems at defense nuclear facilities, and their schedule for Year 2000 remediation. Although your letter only requested the above information for defense nuclear facilities, the attached report includes information for systems at non-defense nuclear facilities as well. We believe the issue you identified regarding safety-related systems applies Department-wide. The Department is in the process of validating with each site the information provided in the enclosed report to ensure that the data is accurate and complete. This data has also been entered into the Department of Energy Year 2000 database to permit continued monitoring of progress and appropriate senior management attention. As requested, we will provide an update of the Year 2000 progress for safety-related systems on March 31, 1999.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 586-0166, or your staff may contact John Przysucha, the DOE Y2K Program Manager, at (202) 586-8836.

Sincerely,

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