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The Honorable Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
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Dear Secretary Bodman:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) issued Recommendation 97-1, *Safe Storage of Uranium-233*, on March 3, 1997, to improve the safe handling and storage of uranium-233 at defense nuclear facilities. The Department of Energy (DOE) has completed all milestones in the Implementation Plan for this Recommendation. Accordingly, the Board closes the Recommendation.

Activities that can be viewed as extensions of the Recommendation's implementation are ongoing. These activities include the Uranium-233 Downblending and Disposition Project at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, planning by DOE's Nuclear Materials Disposition and Consolidation Coordination Committee, and annual reports on uranium-233 disposition efforts. The Board will continue its oversight of these activities.

Sincerely,

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