



Department of Energy

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May 22, 1995

Mr. John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Conway:

In accordance with the Implementation Plan (IP) for Recommendation 93-1 Action 4 Report/Nuclear Explosive Safety Study Corrective Action Plan (93-1/NESSCAP), I am forwarding the enclosed progress report describing program accomplishments from March 1 through April 30, 1995.

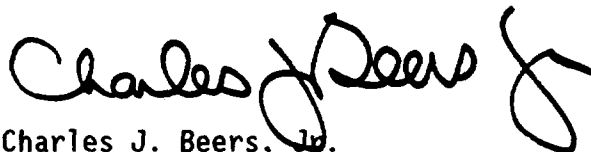
Program emphasis during this period focused on completing draft Department of Energy (DOE) Orders 5610.10 and 5610.11. An initial draft, the product of a concerted effort between Headquarters and field offices, was received in Washington, D.C., on March 30, 1995. The first meeting of the Headquarters/field DOE 5610 Order Integration Group (OIG) was held on April 19-20, 1995, to address comments and issues that were raised during initial Headquarters review. The current draft DOE 5610.10 and 5610.11 Orders, the product of that meeting, are provided as enclosures 2 and 3.

The next step, to develop supporting implementation guides and technical standards, is underway; a schedule is provided in the progress report. This is an resource intensive effort. To ensure completion of the task as soon as possible, the field teams are augmented with Headquarters subject matter experts and technical editors. However, even with this additional Headquarters support, the June 30, 1995, commitment to the board for final documents will be difficult to meet. Therefore, I am requesting a 1-month extension of our final deadline to allow for necessary Headquarters reviews. We will, however, provide all existing orders, guides, and standards (both final and interim draft copies as available) to the board on June 30, 1995.



If you have questions, please call me or have your staff contact Dana Krupa of my staff at 202-586-3842.

Sincerely,



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5 Enclosures:

Recommendation 93-1/NESSCAP Progress Report

Draft DOE Order 5610.10

Draft DOE Order 5610.11

S²C Proposed Nuclear Surety Standards

DOE 5610-Series, Nuclear Explosive Safety Orders

Incorporation of Nuclear Safety Requirements

Applicable to other Defense Nuclear Facilities