



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

July 24, 1998

The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the Department of Energy document, "U-233 Waste Definition: Disposal Options, Safeguards, Criticality Control, and Arms Control." It represents the deliverable for Commitment 1 of the Department's Implementation Plan for addressing the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Recommendation 97-1 concerning the safe storage of Uranium-233 material.

The Board was briefed on this document by members of the DOE 97-1 Technical Team on May 13, 1998.

This deliverable was originally due to the Board in May 1998, but DOE internal review took longer than anticipated. Corrective action by the DOE 97-1 Technical Team has been taken to improve performance with respect to future deliverables.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or have your staff contact Hoyt Johnson of my staff at (202) 586-0191.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Owendoff".

James M. Owendoff
Acting Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

Enclosure

cc: (w/encl)