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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Our final response to your letter of February 25, 1998, concerning the electrical, control and fire protection systems of the Hanford Spent Nuclear Fuel Project will be delayed. Unforseen circumstances have delayed our review of Fluor Daniel Hanford's long term corrective action on these issues. We anticipate sending a final response to you no later than May 11, 1998.

Sincerely,

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