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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:

COMPLETION OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB) RECOMMENDATION 93-5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (IP), REVISION 1, MILESTONE 5.4.3.6.c, "LETTER REPORTING INITIATION OF TANK C-106 WASTE RETRIEVAL"

This letter is submitted to meet the requirements of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Recommendation 93-5 IP, Revision 1, Milestone 5.4.3.6.c, "Letter Reporting Initiation of Tank C-106 Waste Retrieval." The equipment for the waste retrieval project was installed and approved for operation on September 28, 1998, after completion of the independent Operational Readiness Review. Ventilation system tie-ins and hot-operational testing were conducted before the start of sluicing. On November 18, 1998, retrieval of Tank C-106 sludge, by sluicing, was initiated.

The DOE Richland Operations Office has completed the action identified under this milestone and proposes closure of this commitment.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Jackson Kinzer, Assistant Manager for the Office of Tank Waste Remediation System, on (509) 376-7591.

Sincerely,

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