



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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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:

On December 17, 2002, representatives from the Department of Energy's Office of River Protection, Savannah River Operations Office, and the Office of Environmental Management briefed the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) on vapor space corrosion in high-level waste tanks. During the briefing, the Board requested additional information on various related topics. The enclosures provide the requested information.

Enclosure 1 provides a list of activities included in the fiscal year 2003 funding for research on vapor space corrosion.

Enclosure 2 provides a list of controls at Savannah River Site and Hanford related to vapor space corrosion.

Enclosure 3 provides a summary of Tanks Focus Area activities in the safety functional area funded in fiscal year 2002.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-586-0738.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul M. Golan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Paul M. Golan
Chief Operating Officer
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Enclosure

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