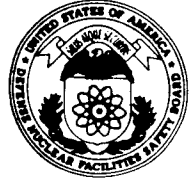


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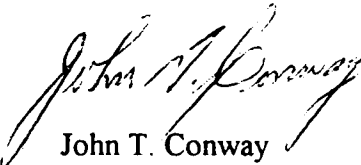
The Honorable Federico F. Peña
Secretary of Energy
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Dear Secretary Peña:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) has received the revised Implementation Plan of the Department of Energy (DOE) for the Board's Recommendation 93-3, *Improving DOE Technical Capability in Defense Nuclear Facilities Programs*. The Board accepts this Implementation Plan, and looks forward to the realization of this important program.

The Board is encouraged by DOE's commitment to the Plan, as indicated by the direct and personal leadership of the Deputy Secretary. This executive support and the high level of accountability and responsibility assigned to line management are key elements that will need to be sustained if the Plan is to be successfully implemented. This is particularly important in the case of the Plan's near-term actions to maintain critical technical capability in a downsizing environment.

Sincerely,



John T. Conway
Chairman

c: Mr. Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.