



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

October 7, 1996

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is the "Low-Level Waste System Description Document" dated September 1996. This document is a deliverable pursuant to the commitment in Task Initiative IV.B.3. identified in the Department of Energy's Implementation Plan, Revision 1, for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 94-2. This document was developed as part of the Systems Engineering task for low-level waste management.

This System Description Document describes the Department of Energy's complex-wide low-level radioactive waste system. The document includes system requirements, functions, and interfaces for complex-wide management of low-level waste and documents the basis for the Low-Level Waste Program Management Plan deliverable. This system description, by definition, is a snapshot in time and thus does not include some recent policy statements and guidance. Once the Department's Waste Management Order is revised, it is the Department's intent to update the System Description Document to include the revised Order requirements, all Recommendation 94-2 results, policy, and guidance.

The Department has completed the actions identified under this commitment and proposes closure of this commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alvin L. Alm".

Alvin L. Alm
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

Enclosure

