



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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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:

The Department has recently revised its Functions, Responsibilities, and Authorities Manual (DOE M 411.1-1A) and its Quality Assurance Order (DOE O 414.1A). Among the many changes incorporated into these documents are the Departmental requirements for disposition of safety issues derived from Independent Oversight reviews.

The Department believes that these two documents contain the requirements committed to in Commitments 5.1.2 and 5.2 in the Implementation Plan for Recommendation 98-1. The Department proposes closure of these two commitments. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me at (202) 586-1418 or Joe Hassenfeldt at (202) 586-1643.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Wyka".

Theodore A. Wyka
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Implementation Team

Enclosures