

## 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:

When you first brought up the subject of the Corrective Action Tracking System (CATS) Secretary's Quarterly Report at our January 16, 2001, monthly discussion, I understood you to be making a comparison between late headquarters (HQ) actions of my office and those of the Office of Defense Programs (DP).

The inaccurate report you were referencing showed no HQ late actions for DP and 111 for Environmental Management (EM). The Office of Environment, Safety and Health has corrected the referenced report as noted in the attachment. As the memorandum from Mr. Stadler indicates, the correct number for HQ EM late actions should have been "zero". That is not to suggest that there are no late items in the field for both EM and DP. For our part, we are working vigorously to close corrective actions as quickly as possible.

I submit this letter and its attachments to set the record straight regarding the proceedings at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Public Briefings of February 13 and 22, 2001, on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn".

Carolyn L. Huntoon  
Acting Assistant Secretary for  
Environmental Management

Attachment





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March 1, 2001

MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution

FROM: S. David Stadler, EH-2

SUBJECT: Change to the Status of the Department's Corrective Action Program Quarterly Report, First Quarter, Fiscal Year 2001

The January 8, 2001, memorandum, "Status of Department's Corrective Action Program Quarterly Report, First Quarter, Fiscal Year 2001," included a bar graph that has been revised. The bar graph depicts the Department of Energy (DOE)-wide status of corrective actions in response to safety issues identified and tracked in the DOE Corrective Action Tracking System (CATS) database as of December 31, 2000.

The bar graph lists the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management (EM) as the responsible organization for 111 late actions. These 111 late actions were based on the approved Corrective Action Plan (CAP) submitted by the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant in response to safety issues identified in the *Report on the Independent Investigation of the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, May 25, 2000*. The Oak Ridge Operations Office (OR) entered EM as the "Responsible Organization" and "Responsible Cognizant Secretarial Officer" for this CAP in the CATS database.

Based on EM's request, the "Responsible Organization" for this CAP was changed in the CATS database from EM to OR. Environmental Management also requested the revision be included as a change to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2001 Corrective Action Program report. The revised bar graph (see attachment) reflects this change.

Please replace the bar graph at attachment 2 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY 2001 Corrective Action Program report with the attached, revised bar graph.

If you have any questions concerning this action, please contact me at 301-903-6457 or Steve Petersen at 301-903-4022.

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S. David Stadler, PhD  
Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of Independent ES&H Oversight  
Environment, Safety and Health

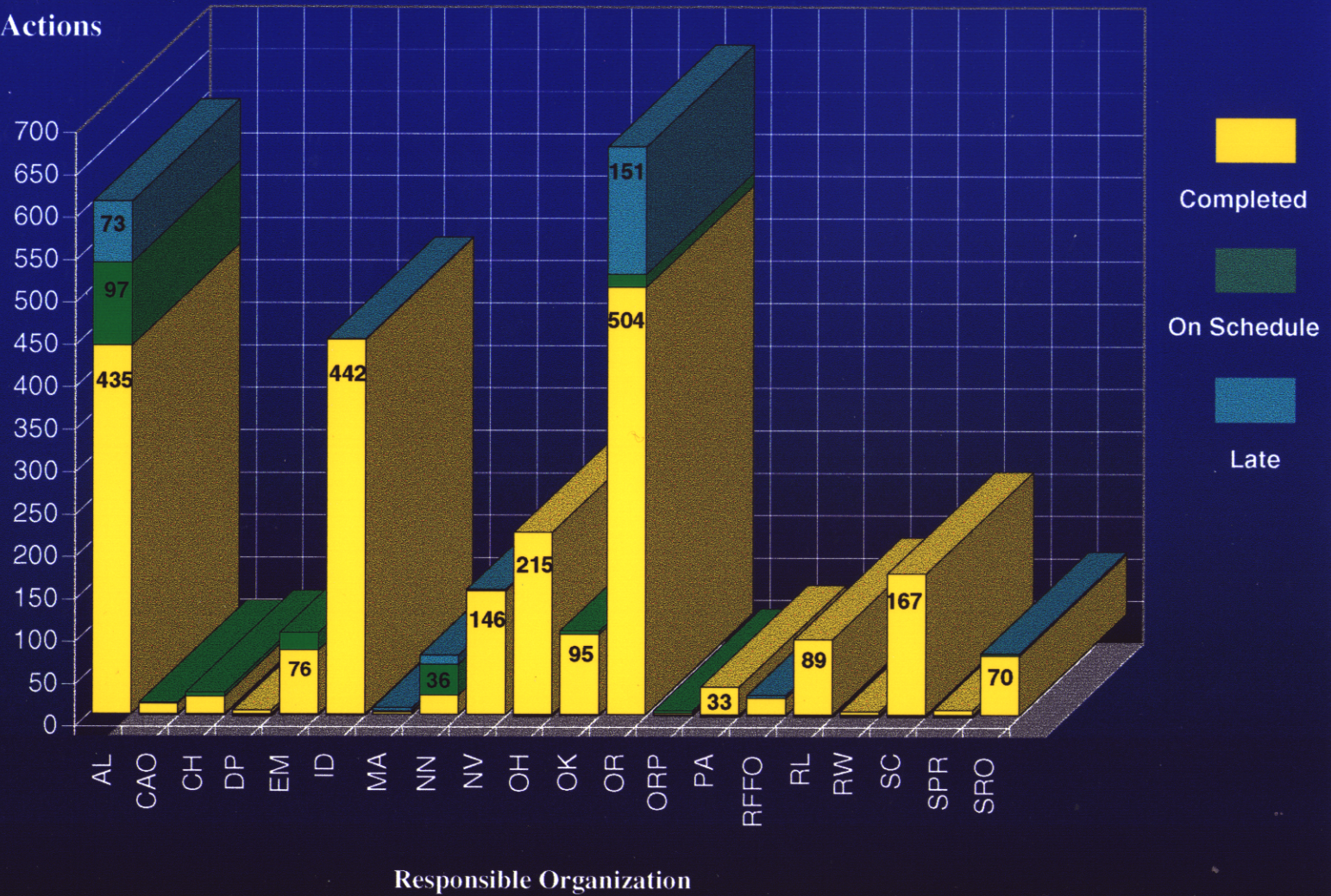
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## Secretary's Quarterly Report from CATS As of 12/31/2000

Number of  
Actions



Status	AL	CAO	CH	DP	EM	ID	MA	NN	NV	OH	OK	OR	ORP	PA	RFFO	RL	RW	SC	SPR	SRO	Totals	
Completed	435	13	21	5	76	442	3	23	146	215	95	504	2	33	20	89	4	167	6	70	2369	
On Schedule	97	1	5	0	20	0	1	36	1	0	4	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	185
Late	73	0	0	0	0	1	4	11	1	0	0	151	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	245
<b>Totals</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2799</b>	

# Change - Department's Corrective Action Tracking System Quarterly Report, Fourth Quarter FY 2000

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