



Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585

January 29, 2003

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 quarterly report for Recommendation 98-2 for the period October 1 through December 31, 2002.

During this reporting period, the Department made progress toward completion of all commitments and completed Commitment 4.3.9, Modification of the fire detection and suppression system in Building 12-44. The Department completed the Transportation Safety Analysis Report, Phase 1, Group 1, Readiness Assessment (RA), which is forwarded with this report in partial fulfillment of Commitment 4.3.4. Seventeen out of twenty-eight commitments have been delivered, two have been rendered moot by subsequent events, and eight remain outstanding.

I propose incorporating the quarterly brief into the Board's next regular visit to the Pantex Site. The viewgraphs customarily used to report the status of open commitments are enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have your staff contact Jeff Underwood at (301) 903-8303.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Beck", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Enclosures

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