



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

April 19, 1999

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

Dear Mr. ^{John} Chairman:

Enclosed is a document entitled *Technical Handbook of ²³³U Material Properties, Processing, and Handling Guidelines* (ORNL/TM-13600). It represents the deliverable for Commitment 13 of the Department's Implementation Plan for addressing the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (DNFSB) Recommendation 97-1 concerning the safe storage of ²³³U material.

The handbook is designed to serve as a single comprehensive information resource for use by the Department's federal and contractor technical workforce involved with the processing, handling, and storage of ²³³U and ²³³U bearing materials. It is intended to be an integral part of the Department's training efforts to meet the objective of retaining long-term expertise necessary to assure safe handling and storage of ²³³U.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or have your staff contact Hoyt Johnson of my staff at (202) 586-0191.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dave Huizenga".

David G. Huizenga
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for
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Office of Environmental Management

Enclosure

cc: (w/encl)
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