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

Dear Mr. Conway:

This is in response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 92-6 regarding Operational Readiness Reviews. I am enclosing the Department's revised Implementation Plan to the Recommendation, the Department of Energy Order on Startup and Restart of Nuclear Facilities, and the Department of Energy Standard on Planning and Conduct of Operational Readiness Reviews. These documents have been closely coordinated with members of your staff.

The Department has decided to include those aspects of Recommendation 92-6 related to weapons assembly and disassembly operations in the implementation of Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 93-1 on Standard Utilization in Defense Nuclear Facilities. This is further discussed in the enclosed Implementation Plan.

Implementation of this Order and Standard should address the Board's Recommendation on Operational Readiness Reviews.

Sincerely,

Hazel R. O'Leary

3 Enclosures