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The Honorable Victor H. Reis
Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs
Department of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Dr. Reis:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) received revised interim guidance for the conduct of readiness reviews for nuclear testing, termed "Testing Readiness Assessments," on June 20, 1995. This guidance was developed in response to the Board's Recommendation 92-6, *Operational Readiness Reviews*, and was revised to address the Board's letter of December 9, 1994. The Department of Energy has committed to use the interim Testing Readiness Assessment process until additional guidance to be developed under Recommendation 93-1 is available.

The Board accepts the revised interim Testing Readiness Assessment guidance as meeting the intent of Recommendation 92-6 for the conduct of readiness reviews of nuclear testing operations, should such operations be resumed in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John T. Conway".

John T. Conway
Chairman

c: Mr. Terry Vaeth, Acting Manager, Nevada Operations Office
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