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**National Nuclear Security Administration**  
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Mr. John Conway  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
525 Indiana Avenue  
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In June of this year, we informed you that the Department expected to have appropriate studies to support a decision on the Pit Disassembly and Conversion Facility filter system completed by October 31, 2000. The studies are ongoing and are now expected to be completed sometime in mid-November 2000.

As we previously committed in our June letter, as soon as all necessary information is available, we will discuss with you and your staff the details and justification for our decision.

Sincerely,

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