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The Honorable John T. Conway Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Conway:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 18, 2001, on the Facility Representative Program. I have been very impressed with what I have seen so far and look forward to getting a more detailed understanding of the program and the ways in which it can help spread best practices through the Department of Energy technical workforce.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Francis S. Blake

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