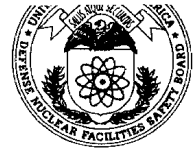


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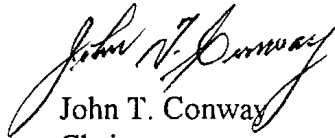
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The Honorable Frederico Peña
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Peña:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) has reviewed the proposed changes to the Implementation Plan for Recommendation 94-1 for plutonium stabilization and packaging at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. The Board agrees that the proposed changes are technically justified and consistent with the spirit of the recommendation. The decision to acquire additional plutonium packaging capability for Livermore, which is the circumstance causing most of the delay in the commitment dates, is a sound one, and will give the Department of Energy valuable flexibility in meeting future plutonium stabilization and packaging needs.

Sincerely,


John T. Conway
Chairman

c: Mr. Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.