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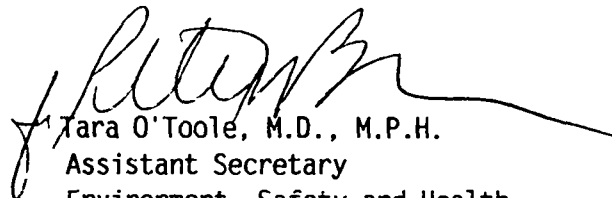
The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW
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Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your April 2, 1997, letter to former Under Secretary Grumbly transmitting comments on the February 1997 draft of the "Radiation Protection Qualification Standard for Defense Nuclear Facilities Technical Personnel." The issues raised in your comments are being discussed with the Board staff, and most issues have been resolved to the satisfaction of your staff.

As a next step, your comments will be considered by our subject matter expert board. We will inform you on the status of this review by May 9, 1997.

Sincerely,


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