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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is to inform you that the 1997 Research and Development Plan milestone of the Recommendation 94-1 Implementation Plan has been achieved. Two copies of the Plan were delivered to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board on November 20, 1997.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Mr. John C. Tseng, Acting Director, Nuclear Materials Stabilization Task Group, at 202/586-0383.

Sincerely,

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