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The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Secretary O'Leary has asked me to respond to your July 22, 1996, letter on the issue of closure of Recommendation 92-2, regarding the Facility Representative Program at the Department of Energy. We appreciate your comments recognizing the success we have had in implementing a more rigorous program complex-wide.

As you pointed out in your letter, there are still areas where we can improve. I would be happy to meet with you to discuss the Department's plans for the maintenance and improvement of our Facility Representative Program.

Joe Hassenfeldt, of my staff, will work with Tim Dwyer to set up an appropriate date and agenda. Joe can be reached at 202 586-1643.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Pearman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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