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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:

In response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 91-6, the Department of Energy (DOE) committed to "establish an Evaluation Team to conduct an independent, external evaluation of the Department Headquarters, Field/Operations, and contractor radiation protection infrastructure and resources dedicated to radiation protection at defense nuclear facilities." This evaluation team was to develop a report of their findings and, subsequently, the Department was to develop a management action plan based on the team's findings and recommendations.

As you are aware, the Department completed a management action plan that was forwarded to you in July 1995. The management action plan, however, deferred action on organizational issues pending a review of the recommendations that were to ensue from the Secretary's Strategic Alignment Initiative.

This letter is to update you on the progress of the comprehensive, revised management action plan that the Department has been developing. The final draft of the revised management action plan was completed in October 1995 and has been provided to representatives of the affected line organizations for review and comment before finalization. We expect the review to be completed this month and the final report issued in December 1995. If you should have any questions, please contact Mr. C. Rick Jones of my staff on 301-903-6061.

Sincerely,


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