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

Dear Mr. Conway:

This letter is to advise you that changes to the Recommendation 94-1 Implementation Plan for stabilizing Rocky Flats plutonium solutions, residues, and highly-enriched uranium solutions will not be sent to you on May 2, as I indicated in my letter of April 2, 1996. The Department does not yet agree with the changes proposed by the contractor for stabilizing plutonium solutions. I will meet with contractor and Field Office management here and at Rocky Flats to review the issues and will discuss them with you before the Board's visit to Rocky Flats in June. We will forward a change to the Implementation Plan as soon as feasible.

The Nuclear Materials Stabilization Task Group will continue to keep your staff apprised of progress in preparing the change and will be prepared to brief the Board when it is near completion.

If you have further questions, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact Mr. Henry F. Dalton, Acting Director, Nuclear Materials Stabilization Task Group at 202/586-5266.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Guimond
Assistant Surgeon General, USPHS
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
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