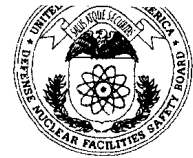


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The Honorable Hazel R. O'Leary
Secretary of Energy
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary O'Leary:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) has reviewed and accepts the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Implementation Plan for Board Recommendation 94-4, *Deficiencies in Criticality Safety at the Oak Ridge Y-12 Plant*.

The Board is encouraged by the thorough and timely completion of the Implementation Plan and commends those personnel in your staff responsible for its production. The Board notes the efforts of the DOE Oak Ridge Operations Office and the Y-12 Plant contractor, Martin Marrietta Energy Systems, to attract additional, highly-competent technical personnel to their organizations. The Board hopes the precedents set for implementing Recommendation 94-4 thus far will continue until the DOE Implementation Plan is fully executed.

If you have any questions on this subject, I would be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience or have your staff call Mr. Steve Krahn at (202) 208-6585.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "John T. Conway".

John T. Conway
Chairman

c: The Honorable Victor Reis, DP-1
Mr. M. Whitaker, EH-9