

The Secretary of Energy Washington, DC 20585

March 13, 1993

The Honorable John T. Conway Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Conway:

This is in response to your letter of January 21, 1993, transmitting Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 93-1, Standards Utilization in Defense Nuclear Facilities.

Our staffs are continuing discussions on the issues contained in the Board's Recommendation. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 2286d(b), the Department is requesting a 45-day extension to provide its response to Recommendation 93-1, by which time we will provide you with a definitive response.

Sincerely,

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