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Dear Mr. Arcaro:

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB) RECOMMENDATION 93-5
QUARTERLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1, 1996 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1996**

For your information, submittal of the quarterly report required by Section 6.2 of *Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan*, Revision 1, is going to be delayed. This delay will allow a discussion with you on changes to the characterization technical basis prior to finalization of the quarterly report. This discussion is on the agenda for your Hanford Site visit next week.

A letter to Chairman Conway from John Wagoner, dated December 31, 1996, regarding DNFSB Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan, Revision 1, Milestone 5.4.3.5.d, stated that a revised date for reporting qualification of the Rotary Core Mode Core Sampling System for use in flammable gas tanks would be included in the subject quarterly report. For your information this date is March 31, 1997, in the current draft of the quarterly report.

As you are aware, all official correspondence to complete DNFSB implementation plan milestones must go to Chairman Conway. This letter is intended to give you current information expeditiously. It will be followed by a letter to Chairman Conway transmitting the DNFSB Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan Quarterly Report for October 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996 by February 17, 1997.

If additional assistance or more information is desired, please contact me at (509) 376-1890, or Lola Morgan, of Professional Analysis Incorporated (PAI), at (509) 372-1321.

Sincerely,

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