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Admiral F. L. Bowman  
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Dear Admiral Bowman:

Thank you for your recent letter, and for sending me a copy of your reports on Radiological Waste Disposal and Environmental Monitoring, Occupational Safety and Health, and Occupational Radiation Exposure. The detailed information contained in these reports clearly demonstrates the high degree of commitment to the protection of the public, the workers, and the environment at Naval Reactors.

It is a pleasure to note that Naval Reactors program personnel continue to exhibit extraordinary standards in the performance of their work. I was particularly interested in the Naval Reactors philosophy of meeting the lower lifetime exposure standard adapted by the National Council in Radiation Protection and Measurement. It is a noteworthy achievement that during the last 20 years, no one in the Naval Reactors program has exceeded the long standing Naval Reactor Administrative Control Level of 2 rem per year. We at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board congratulate you for sustained superior performance.

With best personal wishes to you and your associates.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway  
Chairman

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Mr. Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.