May 21, 1992

The Honorable James D. Watkins  
Secretary of Energy  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

On May 21, 1992, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 2286a(5), unanimously approved Recommendation 92-1 which is enclosed for your consideration. Recommendation 92-1 deals with operational readiness of the HB-Line at the Savannah River Site.

42 U.S.C. § 2286d(a) requires the Board, after receipt by you, to promptly make this recommendation available to the public in the Department of Energy’s regional public reading rooms. The Board believes the recommendation contains no information which is classified or otherwise restricted. To the extent this recommendation does not include information restricted by DOE under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2161-68, as amended, please arrange to have this recommendation promptly placed on file in your regional public reading rooms.

The Board will publish this recommendation in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway  
Chairman

Enclosure
RECOMMENDATION 92-1 TO THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2286a(5)
Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: May 21, 1992

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In order that this matter can be dealt with expeditiously, we are giving high priority to completing the report embodying the results of the investigation.

John T. Conway, Chairman
DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

[Recommendation 92-1]

Operational Readiness of the HB-Line at the Savannah River Site

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

ACTION: Notice; recommendation.

SUMMARY: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board has made a recommendation to the Secretary of Energy pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286a concerning operational readiness of the HB-Line at the Savannah River Site. The Board requests public comments on this recommendation.

DATES: Comments, data, views, or arguments concerning this recommendation are due on or before June 29, 1992.

ADDRESSES: Send comments, data, views, or arguments concerning this recommendation to: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 623 Indiana Avenue, NW., suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth M. Pusateri or Carole J. Council, at the address above or telephone (202) 208-6400.


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