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Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

May 30, 1997

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Commitment 4.1 of the Department's Implementation Plan for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 95-2 required the Department to revise the existing Functions, Responsibilities, and Authorities Manual (FRAM) by September 18, 1996. A December 30, 1996 letter updated the Board on the Department's activities related to developing and issuing the FRAMs. The FRAM documents will consist of a corporate (level 1) FRAM and secretarial and field office (level 2) FRAMs. The Department committed in the December 30, 1996 letter to issue the level 1 FRAM and the level 2 FRAMs for the secretarial and field office managers associated with the ten priority facilities identified in the 95-2 Implementation Plan by May 1997.

The Safety Management Implementation Team has made significant progress in developing the FRAMs and is ensuring that this effort is consistent with the safety management functions instituted pursuant to the 95-2 Safety Management Implementation Plan. The draft corporate level 1 FRAM and draft level 2 FRAMs are being forwarded by this letter for your review and comment. Comments are requested by June 30, 1997 to support issuance of the FRAMs in 60 days. There are continuing integration issues with the secretarial and field office level FRAMs which will be resolved prior to issuance, as well as other issues requiring senior management attention, such as the "120-day report." The level 2 FRAMs associated with the priority facilities and submitted as Attachments to this letter are listed below:

Office of Environment, Safety, and Health
Office of Defense Programs
Office of Environmental Management
Albuquerque Operations Office
Oak Ridge Operations Office
Oakland Operations Office
Richland Operations Office
Rocky Flats Field Office
Savannah River Operations Office

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The Secretary considers the issuance of the Functions, Responsibilities, and Authorities Manuals to be one of the Department's most pressing, unresolved safety management issues. The following guidance and direction have been provided by the Office of the Secretary to realize completion of this commitment within 60 days:

- The level 2 FRAMs for the secretarial and field office managers associated with the ten priority facilities identified in the 95-2 Implementation Plan will be integrated and completed within 60 days.
- The appropriate Secretarial Officers and Field Office Managers associated with the priority facilities will be prepared to brief the Board in 60 days.

Please contact me at (202) 586-1418 if you have any questions regarding the development and issuance of these documents.

Sincerely yours,



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Attachments:

Headquarters/Corporate Level 1 FRAM
Office of Environment, Safety, and Health Level 2 FRAM
Office of Defense Programs Level 2 FRAM
Office of Environmental Management Level 2 FRAM
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Oak Ridge Operations Office Level 2 FRAM
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Rocky Flats Field Office Level 2 FRAM
Savannah River Operations Office Level 2 FRAM

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