

**Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable John T. Conway  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is to inform you that the work has been completed at Richland resolving the weld porosity concerns with some DOE-STD-3013 outer can welds. The re-packaging and welding of 358 DOE STD-3013 outer containers was completed on May 27, 2004.

The need for this effort was delineated in the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management's February 5, 2003, letter on Commitment 110 of Revision 2 to the *Implementation Plan for Stabilization and Storage of Nuclear Material* (IP 2000-1).

Should you or your staff have any questions concerning these issues, please contact me at (202) 586-0738 or Keith Klein, Manager, Richland Operations Office, at (509) 376-7395.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Inés Triay".

Dr. Inés Triay  
Deputy Chief Operating Officer  
Environmental Management

cc: M. Whitaker, DR-1/DOE  
K. Klein, RL/DOE

