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The Honorable Victor H. Reis
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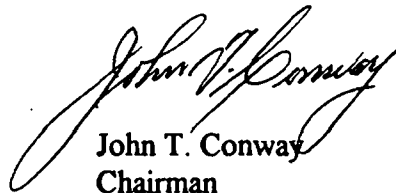
Dear Dr. Reis:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) has received your letter dated July 7, 1999, related to the Technical Area (TA)-18 site at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

In your letter, you requested that the Board extend the reporting date for detailed plans and schedules relating to the path forward to address the LANL Safety Management Assessment and the Authorization Agreement issue at TA-18.

The Board hereby grants a 60 day extension from the original due date to prepare and submit the report.

Sincerely,


John T. Conway
Chairman

c: Mr. Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.