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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

COMPLETION OF THE DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB) 
RECOMMENDATION 93-5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN, REVISION 1, MILESTONE 5.4.3.1c,  
"APPROVED BIO"

This letter reports conditional approval of the Tank Waste Remediation System  
(TWRS) Basis for Interim Operation (BIO), which is identified under DNFSB  
Recommendation 93-5 Implementation Plan, Revision 1, Milestone  5.4.3.1c,  
"Approved BIO," due December 31, 1996. The TWRS BIO, and supporting  
documents, have been transmitted to your staff.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Richland Operations Office (RL) has been  
working to address your staff's comments and to complete the TWRS BIO. This  
BIO, when fully implemented, will establish an interim safety baseline in  
compliance with DOE Order 5480.23, and will serve as the TWRS Authorization  
Basis until the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) is approved and  
implemented. RL believes that approval and implementation of the TWRS BIO is  
a significant step forward in establishing an overall integrated Safety  
Management System at Hanford. While developing the FSAR and implementing the  
BIO, Richland will continue refining the controls required to ensure adequate  
protection from the risks posed by several high consequence accident  
scenarios, including evaluating the possible need for additional emergency  
response actions on Highway 240.

RL has completed the actions identified under this milestone and proposes  
closure of this commitment.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact  
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Sincerely,

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