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Dr. George W. Cunningham Technical Director Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, NW Suite 700 Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Dr. Cunningham:

As you know, Department of Energy (DOE) and Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) staffs have been working to achieve the closure of DNFSB Recommendation 91-6. One of the outstanding items related to this recommendation is the DOE program plan in response to the Infrastructure Evaluation Team report.

The enclosed program plan is now ready for final review and is being forwarded to appropriate offices for concurrence. I am providing it to you for review in parallel to expedite the closure of Recommendation 91-6. I believe this version reflects the agreements reached at the April 30, 1996, meeting between you and Mr. Rick Jones of my staff regarding Recommendation 91-6 closure. Additionally, I believe this plan resolves the issues expressed in the IET report and provides clear indication of where ongoing departmental initiatives and actions will continue to provide management focus and attention on issues raised by the IET. This version includes redline/strikeout annotations to facilitate your review.

If you should have any questions or comments on the program plan, please call Mr. Jones on 301-903-6061.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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