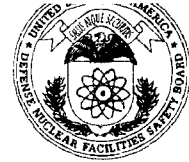


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March 28, 1995

The Honorable Thomas P. Grumbly
Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management
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Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Grumbly:

By letter dated June 24, 1994, the Department of Energy (DOE) transmitted to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) a copy of the DOE's *Programmatic Spent Nuclear Fuel Management and Idaho National Engineering Laboratory Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Programs Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0203-D)* (EIS). The Draft EIS was prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and DOE's implementing regulations.

The Board provided comments on the Draft EIS as requested in a letter dated September 30, 1994. The Board's staff subsequently held a meeting with your staff and the staff of Admiral Bruce Demars (NE-60) on November 9, 1994, to discuss those comments. Those discussions were summarized in a letter from your staff dated January 20, 1995. In that letter you requested that the Board confirm the proposed resolution of the Board's comments.

The Board has reviewed the proposed resolution and agrees that the issues were adequately resolved or addressed with proposed actions yet to be completed. For the proposed actions to address the issues that remain open, we look forward to seeing the subsequent analyses and reviews committed to in your response.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway
Chairman

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