

[DNFSB LETTERHEAD]

November 1, 1990

Mr. Victor Stello, Jr.
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Facilities
Office of Defense Programs
Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Stello:

Enclosed for your consideration and action, where appropriate, are a number of observations concerning the fire protection and station blackout features of the Savannah River Reactors. These observations were developed by Ajit K. Gwal of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) staff based on a review of available documents and discussions with Department of Energy (DOE) staff and contractor personnel.

We request that a meeting be arranged on these two topics at which DOE and its contractors would discuss with us their safety evaluations of these features, with particular emphasis on the enclosed DNFSB staff observations.

If you need further information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway
Chairman

2 Enclosures:

Memorandum dated [October 1, 1990](#), to E.G. Case from A.K. Gwal

Memorandum dated October 30, 1990, to E.G. Case from A.K. Gwal with attachments which are UCNI