June 6, 2001

Mr. Richard Turner Software Intensive Systems Directorate Deputy Under Secretary of Defense Crystal Mall 3 1931 Jefferson Davis Highway Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Mr. Turner:

Thank you for your participation in the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) May 23, 2001, public meeting on Quality Assurance (QA). The Board's interest is in helping the Department of Energy to increase the effectiveness of its QA program. Your sharing of information about the Department of Defense's software program and experiences will help us in our endeavor.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of your agency on this matter.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway Chairman