



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

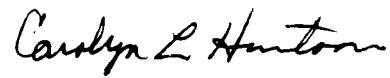
On December 22, 1999, the Department received a letter from the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) closing Recommendation 94-2, *Conformance with Safety Standards at Department of Energy Low-Level Nuclear Waste and Disposal Sites*. There were four remaining implementation plan commitments to be completed in 2000. The Department is pleased to announce that we have completed the following four remaining implementation plan commitments:

- Issuance of Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Radioactive Waste Management Complex Disposal Authorization Statement - Disposal Authorization Statement was signed on April 28, 2000.
- Nevada Operations Office submission of the Nevada Test Site Area 5 Composite Analysis - Submitted to Department of Energy Headquarters Office in February 2000.
- Headquarters Review of the Nevada Test Site Area 5 Composite Analysis - Completed on August 24, 2000.
- Issuance of Nevada Test Site Area 5 Disposal Authorization Statement - Disposal Authorization Statement was signed on December 5, 2000.

Enclosed are copies of each of the deliverables for your records. The Department has issued Disposal Authorization Statements for all of the Department's low-level waste disposal facilities. We recognize the vital importance of continually improving its practice for managing radioactive waste. The Department is fully committed to aggressive implementation of the *Radioactive Waste Management Order*, DOE O 435.1, and continued use of the management tools and decision-making processes developed under the Implementation Plan for Recommendation 94-2. We will continue to ensure that these low-level waste programs are implemented.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact me at  
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Sincerely,



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