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The Honorable Mr. John T. Conway
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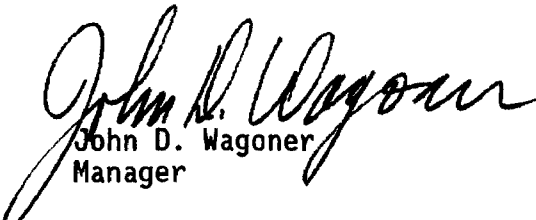
Dear Mr. Chairman:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, RICHLAND OPERATIONS OFFICE (RL) NUCLEAR SAFETY
 MANAGEMENT MANUAL

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an informational copy of the recently completed RL Nuclear Safety Management Manual. It is intended to provide a concise compilation of RL nuclear safety policy, including identification of the associated requirements basis. This Manual represents an example of RL's efforts to promote uniform understanding and implementation of nuclear safety requirements within the RL staff and is supportive of developing and enforcing consistent nuclear facility authorization bases at Hanford. These consistent bases help "cure" both our self-identified and EH-22 Safety Management Evaluation Team identified deficiencies in this area.

Members of the nuclear safety team within the RL Environment, Safety and Health organization were the primary authors, which demonstrates the escalating technical capability of the RL ES&H staff. Input from RL line organizations, and the RL technical support contractor was incorporated during development. We recognize continuous enhancements to the Manual will be required; however, the current document provides a significant improvement in communication of nuclear safety policy. Controlled revisions will incorporate additional information as it becomes available.

If you have any questions on this document, please contact me or your staff may contact Mark Jackson, of the Quality, Safety, and Health Programs Division, at (509) 376-3246.


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