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The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In our implementation plan for Recommendation 97-1, *Safe Storage of Uranium-233*, we commit to provide you a Uranium-233 Safe Storage System Requirements Document (SRD) in March 1998. The completion of this commitment will be delayed approximately 60 days.

Several iterations of a draft SRD have been developed by the Uranium-233 technical team and shared with your staff. However, we will need additional time to address issues raised at our most recent technical team meeting that was held March 3-5, 1998. ~~I expect to provide a final SRD to you by~~ May 29, 1998. Completion of subsequent milestones are not expected to be impacted by this delay.

If you have further questions, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact Mr. John C. Tseng, Acting Director, Nuclear Materials Stabilization Task Group, at (202) 586-0383.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Owendoff".

James M. Owendoff
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Environmental Management

cc:
M. Whitaker, S-3.1

