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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:

Thank you for your letter of February 25, 1998, concerning the electrical, control and fire protection systems of the Hanford Spent Nuclear Fuel Project. We intend to identify root causes and take permanent corrective actions to address the findings from your staff's review of December 9-11, 1997. The Office of Field Management is coordinating complex-wide implications of the transformer issue. We anticipate sending a final response to you no later than April 13, 1998.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Owendoff".

James M. Owendoff  
Acting Assistant Secretary for  
Environmental Management