



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

August 30, 1996

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Enclosed is a memorandum of acceptance and a compliance evaluation for the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory "Radioactive Waste Management Complex Low-Level Waste Radiological Performance Assessment," EGG-WM-8773. Site completion and Headquarters review and action for this performance assessment is a deliverable pursuant to the commitment in Task Initiative VII.B.5.b.1 identified in the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Implementation Plan, Revision 1, for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 94-2.

The assessment evaluates the performance of the Idaho Radioactive Waste Management Complex burial grounds relative to the low-level waste performance objectives contained in DOE Order 5820.2A. The Headquarters review found that, with conditions, the assessment is acceptable and it provides a reasonable expectation of meeting the performance objectives. This assessment is the first step in the process to complete an evaluation of projected impacts to the public and to issue a disposal authorization statement for the Radioactive Waste Management Complex burial grounds.

The Department has completed the actions for the Idaho Radioactive Waste Management Complex performance assessment identified under this commitment and proposes that this part of the commitment be considered complete.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alvin L. Alm".

Alvin L. Alm
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

Enclosure