



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

January 27, 1998

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:

Enclosed is the report "Strategy for the Future Use and Disposition of <sup>233</sup>U: Overview". It represents the deliverable for Commitment 11 of the Department's Implementation Plan for addressing the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Recommendation 97-1, concerning the safe storage of uranium-233 material.

The report identifies possible disposition alternatives for the types of uranium-233 material in the current inventory and discusses the technical, regulatory, and legal issues that must be addressed. The report will be used as an input in selecting the long-term strategy for uranium-233 in the system engineering approach described in the Implementation Plan.

We have completed the actions identified under this milestone and propose closure of this commitment. If you have any questions, please contact me, or have your staff contact Dean Tousley of my staff at (202) 586-0217.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard R. Canter".

Howard R. Canter  
Acting Director  
Office of Fissile Materials Disposition

Enclosure

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