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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:

COMPLETION OF DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD (DNFSB) RECOMMENDATION 93-5 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REVISION 1, MILESTONE 5.4.3.5d - "LETTER REPORTING QUALIFICATION OF ROTARY MODE CORE SAMPLING (RMCS) SYSTEM FOR USE IN FLAMMABLE GAS TANKS"

This letter reports qualification of RMCS for use in Flammable Gas Tanks. The due date for this milestone was September 1996. Completion progress has been reported in quarterly reports and other correspondence.

Since RMCS commenced operations in the high priority, flammable gas watchlist tank 241-SX-101, on December 4, 1997, the U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office has completed the action identified under this milestone and proposes closure of this commitment.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Jim Poppiti, Characterization Project Director, on 376-7591.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Wagoner".

John D. Wagoner
Manager

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