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

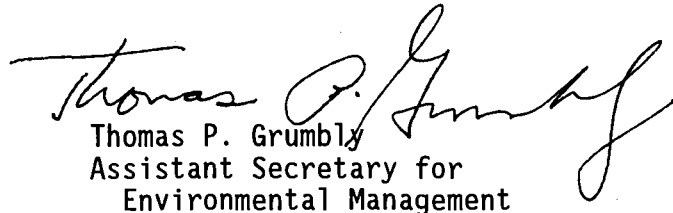
Dear Chairman Conway:

By your recent correspondence to the Secretary, you have shown a strong interest in the Department's plans for implementing Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 94-1 at the Savannah River Site. Specifically, your interest concerns stabilization of the Mark-16 and Mark-22 fuels and the future of the F-Canyon and H-Canyon chemical processing facilities at the Savannah River Site.

In that regard, I have just received the enclosed staff report. The report contains an evaluation of various operational strategies for the F- and H-Canyons, the basis for recommending stabilization of the Mark-16 and Mark-22 fuels by chemical processing, and a staff recommendation concerning these issues. I would very much appreciate receiving any thoughts you have on the conclusions of the report as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact Mark Whitaker at 202-586-3887.

Sincerely,


Thomas P. Grumbly
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

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