



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In an effort to keep the DNFSB informed of the status of safety activities within the DOE complex the Office of Oversight is providing copies of several technical reports reflecting our most recent oversight efforts. Enclosed you will find a copy of our oversight evaluation of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL). This document provides conclusions regarding the safety performance at INEL as well as the background information necessary to support these conclusions. Also enclosed is a copy of our analysis of the issues relative to Suspect/Counterfeit Parts within the Department of Energy. We are aware that this subject has been of concern to the DNFSB. Additionally, a special study of Occurrence Reporting Programs within the Department of Energy and a special review of the Molten Salt Reactor Experiment at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) are provided for your information. Lastly, we are providing you a copy of our Emergency Management at Department of Energy Headquarters Special Study and our Increasing Fissile Inventory Assurance Within the U.S. Department of Energy Special Study report.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. S. Podonsky", written over a horizontal line.

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