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

Dear Chairman Conway:

On June 30, 1995, Secretary O'Leary transmitted the Implementation Plan that responds to your Recommendation 94-3, Rocky Flats Seismic and Systems Safety. I am providing this letter to advise you of our progress in the preliminary evaluations of seismic safety in Building 371.

The preliminary evaluation (Stage One) of the structural response to earthquakes was completed on time as described in Task 6.b of the Implementation Plan. The results were discussed with your staff. Initial structural evaluation led to a decision to continue analysis of Building 371 and alternatives for interim plutonium storage.

The completion date for the Phase I decision, i.e., selection of the preferred option for the interim storage of plutonium at Rocky Flats, has been extended from October 24, 1995, until December 29, 1995. This change was addressed in the "Change Control" paragraph of the Implementation Plan. The completion date was extended to accommodate expansion of the numbers of structures, systems and components that will be analyzed. A revised schedule is enclosed.

We will continue to keep you and your staff informed of our progress as we work to the Phase I decision. If you have any questions, please call me.

This information is unclassified and suitable for placement in the public reading room.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Grumbly
Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

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