

The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

June 29, 1995

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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your April 24, 1995, letter requesting information regarding funding of radiological protection programs at defense nuclear facilities.

The Department of Energy is collecting available radiation protection budget information from defense nuclear facilities. Several meetings were held involving representatives of the Office of Worker Protection Programs and Hazards Management, the Secretarial Offices, the Department's Radiological Control Coordinating Committee, and the Office of Business Performance Systems. In addition, the deputy assistant secretaries for the affected programs were substantially involved.

Although a considerable amount of data has been collected to date, we are still awaiting more data from the field and require more time for validation of the existing data by the field. Therefore, we will respond to your request by July 21, 1995.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. C. Rick Jones, Director, Office of Worker Protection Programs and Hazards Management, at (301) 903-6061.

Sincerely,

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