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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 Chairman Conway:

In a letter from Secretary O'Leary dated January 11, 1996, you were notified that a Revised Implementation Plan for Recommendation 93-5 would be submitted on January 21, 1996. This revision led to a comprehensive review of tank safety and disposal program strategies and took longer than expected. The revised Plan is presently being reviewed within the Department, and we expect to submit it to you in April.

We have provided draft versions of the Plan to appropriate members of your staff and have kept them apprised of our progress. We have incorporated several of their suggestions and appreciate their cooperation.

Thank you for your continued interest in our tank characterization program. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 202-586-7710.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Guimond

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Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
for Environmental Management

