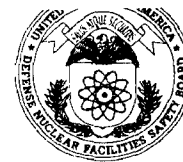


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February 9, 1996

The Honorable Thomas P. Grumbly
Acting Under Secretary
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Dear Mr. Grumbly: *Tom*

We appreciate receiving your letter dated January 31, 1996, requesting that the Board provide comments on "Improving Regulation of Safety at DOE Nuclear Facilities." Unfortunately, your request for comments, which was sent fourth class mail, was not received by the Board until 2:41 p.m. February 7, 1996.

We will be pleased to provide you with our comments on the report. The Board would appreciate it, in view of the delay in receipt of your letter, if you would grant us an additional week, until February 22, for us to complete the process.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway
Chairman

cc: Mark Whitaker, EH-9