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The Honorable Hazel R. O'Leary
Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary O'Leary:

On September 30, 1993, the Savannah River Site (SRS) Replacement Tritium Facility (RTF) became the first Department of Energy (DOE) defense nuclear facility to have its operator training programs accredited in accordance with DOE Order 5480.18, *Accreditation of Performance-Based Training For Category A Reactors and Nuclear Facilities*. The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) recognizes the accreditation of RTF's training program as one of several important steps toward raising the quality of RTF's operations.

The Board congratulates the DOE Savannah River Operations Office and Westinghouse Savannah River Company on this significant accomplishment. The Board looks forward to the near-term accreditation of other DOE defense nuclear facilities as a measure of the complex-wide internalization of the precept that excellence in training and qualification should be a goal of foremost priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John T. Conway".

John T. Conway
Chairman

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