June 6, 2001

Mr. Mark T. Watts Bechtel BWXT Idaho P.O. Box 1625 Idaho Falls, Idaho 83415-3428

Dear Mr. Watts:

Thank you for your participation in the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) May 23, 2001, public meeting on Quality Assurance (QA). The Board's interest is in helping the Department of Energy to increase the effectiveness of its QA program. Your sharing of information about the INEEL Procurement and Supplier Quality Assurance program and experiences will help us in our endeavor.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of Bechtel BWXT Idaho on this matter.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway Chairman