Mr. Douglas A. Brown 55 E. Monroe Sargent & Lundy Chicago, Illinois 60603

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your participation in the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board's) March 28, 2001, public meeting on Quality Assurance (QA). The Board's interest is in helping the Department of Energy (DOE) to increase the effectiveness of its QA program. Your sharing of information about the history and status of the industry consensus standards on Nuclear Quality Assurance will help us in our endeavor.

The Board appreciates the cooperation of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers in arranging for your attendance at our meeting.

Sincerely,

John T. Conway Chairman

c: Mr. Gerry M. Eisenberg Mr. Mark B. Whitaker, Jr.