



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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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 Mr. Conway:

This is in response to your letter of October 4, 1995, which requested a revision to the Implementation Plan for Recommendation 93-4 and a reconciliation of several Departmental efforts related to defining environmental, health, and safety roles and responsibilities.

In light of your Recommendation 95-2, Safety Management, of October 11, 1995, there is an opportunity to review the tenets of the Technical Management Plan for inclusion in a Department-wide safety management program. The two requests made in your letter of October 4, 1995, are being addressed in the Implementation Plan for Recommendation 95-2 and in the Functions, Assignments, and Responsibilities Manual update under the Recommendation 94-5 Implementation Plan. The efforts in response to the two requests are part of the basis for the development of a Department-wide standards-based safety management plan. As you know, Environmental Management embraced the Technical Management Plan concept at our two Environmental Restoration Management Contractor sites, as committed in the Recommendation 93-4 Implementation Plan.

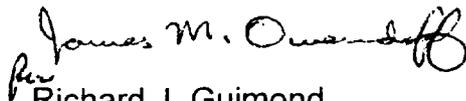
We feel this resolution of your October 4, 1995, letter, as opposed to further clarification or revision of the Recommendation 93-4 Implementation Plan, to be the best way to re-evaluate the application of the tenets of the generic Technical Management Plan across the entire Department.



Enclosed is the ninth quarterly status report for the Recommendation 93-4 Implementation Plan. The final commitment in the Recommendation 93-4 Implementation Plan regarding the delivery of the draft revision of the Richland Technical Management Plan to the Board was completed on November 30, 1995. Therefore, all commitments under Recommendation 93-4 are complete, and we propose closure of this recommendation.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this letter, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James M. Owenduff".

per
Richard J. Guimond
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for Environmental Management

Enclosure