



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

January 5, 2004

The Honorable John T. Conway
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Board on actions related to the electrical and lightning protection systems for the K-Area Material Storage Facility, Building 235-F, and FB-Line at the Savannah River Site, as requested in your July 10, 2003, letter. Your letter focused on issues identified during a staff review that is part of an overall safety assessment undertaken in response to the Public Law 107-314, Section 3183, *Study of Facilities for Storage of Plutonium and Plutonium Materials at Savannah River Site*.

The enclosed contains specific responses to issues in the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Issue Report dated June 24, 2003, forwarded by your letter. The work described in the enclosure will be statused as part of the Department's response to your overall safety assessment.

As delineated in Secretary Abraham's letter of November 10, 2003, the Department will take all steps necessary to assure that these facilities will continue to operate safely as mission needs evolve. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (202) 586-0738.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul M. Golan".

Paul M. Golan
Chief Operating Officer
Office of Environmental Management

Enclosure

cc: w/encl:
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