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SAFETY BOARD

The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, N. W., Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As the Responsible Manager for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 2001-1, *High-Level Waste Management at the Savannah River Site*, I am requesting a 90-day extension for the submittal of a revised Implementation Plan (IP) to this recommendation. The Department of Energy (DOE) has drafted the Secretary of Energy's reply, and is being staffed for his signature. To allow for a complete review within the DOE, and to ensure the Secretary has the needed information to support his approval, the extension is requested.

On June 16, 2009, representatives of Department of Energy Savannah River (DOE-SR) and its contractors briefed you, Dr. Mansfield, and some of your staff on the major attributes of the IP. Your observations from that discussion are reflected in our update to the IP which will be submitted to you by August 19, 2009. My staff has discussed this request with Mr. Dan Ogg of your staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Dae Y. Chung, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety Management and Operations, at (202) 586-5151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Owendoff".

James M. Owendoff
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for Environmental Management

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