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Under Secretary for Nuclear Security
Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585



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The Honorable Peter S. Winokur, Ph.D.
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, SW
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Many thanks for your letter of August 7, 2014, providing your perspective on the safety challenges facing the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). Your insights will be very helpful as NNSA works to continuously improve our facilities and systems, our safety management programs, and our safety culture. NNSA is committed to operational excellence as a key component of our mission success.

I have asked NNSA senior executives and subject matter experts to provide me an in-depth briefing on each of the areas in your letter. In addition, I expect NNSA's federal staff and our laboratory and plant partners to provide updates on each of these issues whenever I or the Principal Deputy Administrator visit an NNSA site. Your letter and the information derived from these in-depth briefings and site visits will help inform NNSA's approach to improving safety throughout the nuclear security enterprise — a goal we both share!

I look forward to continued interactions on these and other issues as we work together to improve the safety of our nuclear security enterprise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Frank G. Klotz".

Frank G. Klotz

