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The Honorable Ernest J. Moniz  
Secretary of Energy  
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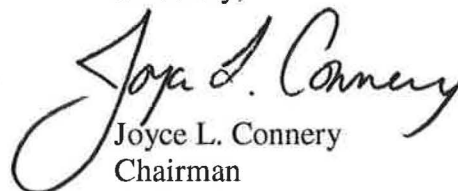
Dear Secretary Moniz:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) has evaluated the Department of Energy's (DOE) progress on Board Recommendation 2012-2, *Hanford Tank Farms Flammable Gas Safety Strategy*. The progress made during fiscal year 2016 is summarized below.

Pursuant to DOE's Implementation Plan (IP), DOE submitted Deliverable 1-2 on October 27, 2015. We have reviewed the final version of this deliverable and have concluded that the proposed streamlined approach for ventilation upgrades is consistent with the Board's Recommendation.

On March 24, 2016, DOE issued a revised IP per the Board's request. We appreciate the updated deliverable schedule contained in the IP.

Sincerely,

  
Joyce L. Connery  
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