



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 11, 2016

The Honorable Joyce L. Connery
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Madam Chair:

Thank you for your July 29, 2016, letter regarding the improperly remediated nitrate salt (RNS) waste currently stored in the facility operated by Waste Control Specialists, LLC, in Andrews, Texas. The waste is currently under the jurisdiction of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). We will notify the Board, as requested, prior to transfer to any Department of Energy defense nuclear facility. With the notification, we will provide relevant information regarding processing, remediation, or treatment completed prior to transportation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. James Hutton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety, Security, and Quality Assurance, at (202) 586-5151.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monica C. Regalbuto".

Monica C. Regalbuto
Assistant Secretary
for Environmental Management

