



Department of Energy
National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585



August 14, 2017

The Honorable Sean Sullivan
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Sullivan:

The Department of Energy (DOE) has completed the actions for Sections 6.1.1.1, "Revise Oversight Structure and Approach" and 6.1.2, "Improve the Corrective Actions Process," of the Department's Implementation Plan (IP) for the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2014-1, *Emergency Preparedness and Response*.

On August 9, 2016, the Deputy Secretary of Energy issued DOE Policy 226.2, *Policy for Federal Oversight and Contracture Assurance System*, to reaffirm and broaden the existing Secretarial direction related to risk-informed performance-based management and oversight systems to link the degree of oversight to the level of risk and performance present at a Defense Nuclear Facility (DNF). The policy also stresses the vital importance of open, collaborative relationships between the various oversight entities and of implementing an effective issues management process to track and trend deficiencies in order to identify systemic issues and take appropriate actions before bigger problems can occur.

On March 13-16, 2017, the Office of Emergency Operations convened a Working Group consisting of emergency management representatives from the DOE defense nuclear facilities to review existing policies and evaluate the effectiveness of corrective actions procedures. The Working Group determined that all DOE DNFs have revised, or have a plan to revise, site procedures to incorporate the policy and requirements, as appropriate, for enhanced corrective action procedures in accordance with 1) DOE Order 151.1D, *Comprehensive Emergency Management System*, issued on August 11, 2016; 2) DOE Order 226.1B, *Implementation of Department of Energy Oversight Policy*, issued on April 25, 2016; 3) DOE G 226.1-2A, *Federal Line Management Oversight of Department of Energy Nuclear Facilities*, issued on April 14, 2014. The Working Group concluded that corrective actions procedures at defense nuclear facilities are adequate to address deficiencies and findings.

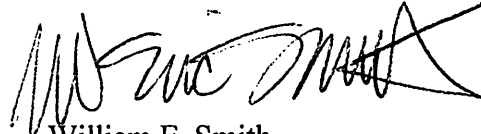
The Office of Emergency Operations, in coordination with cognizant line-management and through the Emergency Management Advisory Committee, will continue to monitor the Enterprise implementation of these actions. Additionally, the Office of Emergency Operations



will continue to provide technical assistance to line-management and the DNFs through its Technical Assistance Program to ensure the consistency and timeliness of implementation.

If you have any questions, please contact the National Nuclear Security Administration Office of Emergency Operations at (202) 586-9892.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William E. Smith', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

William E. Smith
Acting Associate Administrator
for Emergency Operations