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

Dear Chairman Sullivan:

Thank you for your June 26 letter transmitting three opportunities for improvement (OFI’s) on the Uranium Processing Facility (UPF) Project. NNSA has reviewed these OFI’s, which we understand are opportunities that should be evaluated, as appropriate, for improvements in performance against potential cost or schedule impacts.

The three OFI’s you identified relate to fire pumps, glovebox windows, and fire suppression system safety classification. NNSA implemented your OFI’s pertaining to fire pumps and glovebox windows by finalizing the testing plan for seismic qualification of the fire pumps and documenting approval of the equivalency for Lexan® glovebox windows. The OFI regarding the fire suppression system will be evaluated as part of the approval of the Preliminary Documented Safety Analysis (PDSA) in December 2017.

NNSA is committed to ensuring the UPF design is compliant with Departmental orders and requirements, and implementing a conservative approach to protecting workers. We look forward to the upcoming DNFSB review of the PDSA as the UPF Project continues to move forward for Critical Decision (CD)-2/3 approval.

If you have questions, please contact me, or have your staff contact Dale Christenson, the UPF Federal Project Director, at dale.christenson@upo.doe.gov or (865) 574-3964.

Sincerely,

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