Bruce Hamilton, Acting Chairman Jessie H. Roberson Daniel J. Santos Joyce L. Connery

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Washington, DC 20004-2901



August 14, 2018

The Honorable James Richard Perry Secretary of Energy U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Perry:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) has reviewed the Department of Energy's (DOE) April 4, 2018 response to the Board's letter of January 4, 2018, that identified a number of safety issues with the Conduct of Operations safety management program at the Savannah River Site (SRS) and has taken into account the briefing provided to the Board on May 17, 2018.

Sharing the operating experience at SRS regarding conduct of operations and training for ensuring rigorous TSR implementation with the rest of the defense nuclear complex would be beneficial and help identify challenges in this area at other sites. DOE Order 210.2A, *DOE Corporate Operating Experience Program*, calls for DOE organizations to evaluate, develop, and disseminate such substantial, relevant operating experience complex-wide. The Board encourages DOE to evaluate and disseminate this SRS operating experience complex-wide in the form of an Operating Experience Level 1, 2, or 3 document per DOE Order 210.2A.

Yours truly,

Bruce Hamilton Acting Chairman

c: Mr. Joe Olencz