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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 National Nuclear Security Administration Office of Stockpile Management is developing an interim revision to DOE-NA-STD-3016-2016, *Hazard Analysis Reports for Nuclear Explosive Operations*, with an implementation goal within fiscal year 2018. The interim revision would redefine the categories of accident consequences used to evaluate whether safety controls are required to perform nuclear explosive operations safely at the Pantex Plant.

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §2286b(d), the Board requests a briefing prior to the implementation of the interim revision, but no later than within 45 days, detailing how NNSA will implement the revision and on any changes—planned or taken—to the safety control strategies of nuclear explosive facilities as a result of the revision.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Bruce Hamilton
Acting Chairman

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