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The Honorable Bruce Hamilton  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700  
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Dear Chairman Hamilton:

References:

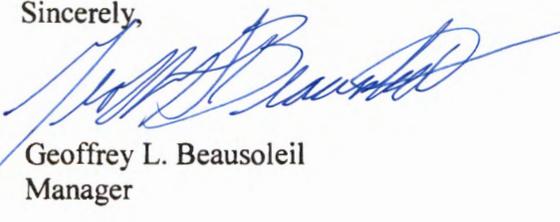
1. Letter from G. Beausoleil to S. Sullivan, *Fourth Quarter Milestones of the Department of Energy's Implementation Plan Responding to the DNFSB Recommendation 2015-1, Emergency Preparedness and Response at the Pantex Plant*, dated June 13, 2017
2. Letter from S. Sullivan to Secretary of Energy Perry, *Communication of Submittal of Final Deliverables to the Board on June 13, 2017*, dated July 25, 2017

This letter is a follow-up to the National Nuclear Security Administration Production Office (NPO) letter dated June 13, 2017, which transmitted the final set of deliverables for the Department of Energy's (DOE) Implementation Plan for Recommendation 2015-1, *Emergency Preparedness and Response at the Pantex Plant*. At that time, NPO stated that we will conduct a series of reviews to verify actions taken to address Recommendation 2015-1. The Board has acknowledged DOE's completion of the Implementation Plan in its letter to the Secretary of Energy dated July 25, 2017. To date and as committed by our previous letter, NPO and Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC (CNS) have continued management focus and attention to sustaining performance, and independent reviews by the DOE Office of Enterprise Assessments have confirmed the changes to be effective.

DOE's actions taken in response to Recommendation 2015-1 and the emphasis on continuous improvement provide a solid foundation for emergency response capabilities at the Pantex Plant (Pantex). In addition, CNS has implemented a robust enterprise Readiness Assurance process that spans across the Y-12 National Security Complex and Pantex. The Readiness Assurance Program is designed to sustain a high level of performance and to prevent reoccurrence of issues for the CNS Emergency Management Program.

We look forward to continued positive interactions with you and your staff. If you have any questions, please contact me at (865) 576-0752.

Sincerely,



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