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The Honorable Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty Administrator National Nuclear Security Administration US Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Administrator Gordon-Hagerty:

Thank you for your July 24, 2019, response to the Board's June 5, 2019, request for information related to the Y-12 Criticality Safety Program. As you offered, the Board would like a detailed briefing on actions taken to address the specific feedback from the external review of the Y-12 Criticality Safety Program. Specifically, we request that the briefing focus on the roles and responsibilities of the federal staff in conducting oversight of nuclear criticality safety at Y-12, actions taken in light of the results of the external review, and NNSA's expectations of its field office personnel in ensuring the safety of its federal and contractor work force.

We will be traveling to the Y-12 National Security Complex on October 1 and 2, 2019 and would like to have the briefing during that site visit. Additional details about our proposed agenda and items of interest will be provided to your staff in the near future.

Yours truly,

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Chairman

c: Mr. Joe Olencz