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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 Board received a briefing from federal and contract employees of the Y-12 Complex on March 3, 2019 regarding the criticality safety program related to recent hold up issues. We appreciate the briefing we received. During the briefing, Board Members requested additional information and the Board's staff followed up with an information request to NNSA staff. Below provides additional clarification of the information the Board requires to carry out its oversight responsibilities.

- All associated reports and/or outbrief materials and/or substantive descriptions of outbrief
 contents, including conclusions, from the external review of crosscutting causes of
 accumulation discoveries performed by NNSA or its contractors;
- A copy of the contract or contracts pursuant to which assessments or evaluations were performed showing all deliverables to be performed and all phases to be completed;
- A description of which phases of such assessments and evaluations have completed to date and whether additional phases are to be completed or have been cancelled and why;
- A copy of the agenda or agendas and lines of inquiry pursued during any such assessments or evaluations, as well as all responses to the lines of inquiry; and
- Any other information pertinent to the assessments and evaluations performed that materially contributed to the conclusions.

Therefore, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §2286b(d), the Board requests the above information within thirty days of receipt of this letter for the Board to perform timely execution of its statutory functions.

Yours truly,

Bruce Hamilton

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