

## **Department of Energy**



## Under Secretary for Nuclear Security Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration Washington, DC 20585

July 24, 2019

The Honorable Bruce Hamilton Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20004

## Dear Chairman Hamilton:

The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) acknowledges receipt of your June 5, 2019, letter requesting additional information related to the Y-12 Criticality Safety Program. DOE/NNSA is committed to processing the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) requests in a timely manner. The NNSA Production Office received a document request from your staff on March 14, 2019, and provided all known and available documents responsive to that request. Follow-on conversations between our staffs revealed the Board's interest in the out brief from an external review of crosscutting causes of accumulation discoveries. The out brief document was provided to your staff on July 1, 2019, and the contract information for the external review team that was requested in your letter was provided to your staff on June 27, 2019.

In addition to the information provided, I would like to offer a detailed briefing regarding actions taken to address the specific feedback from the external review.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Geoffrey L. Beausoleil, at (865) 576-0752.

Sincerely,

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