



**Department of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

November 15, 2019

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

Dear Chairman Hamilton:

This letter is in reference to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) letter dated October 18, 2019, requesting a response to questions regarding flammable gas hazards associated with solid wastes.

The Department of Energy's and the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) response is based on input from multiple sites and Field Offices. Thus, the Department requests an additional 45 days beyond the November 15, 2019, due date in order to assess and complete our response to the Board.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Mr. Jeffry Roberson, at (301) 903-9228 for issues related to the NNSA, or Mr. Robert Nelson, at (509) 376-8800 for issues related to the Office of Environmental Management.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey C. Griffin".

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