



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

November 25, 2019

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

Dear Chairman Hamilton:

I am responding on behalf of the Secretary, to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's August 27, 2019, letter requesting a report and brief outlining plans to address safety issues with the Safety Significant Confinement Ventilation System (SSCVS), at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

The Department of Energy requires additional time to complete the interface reviews and response to the Board's questions regarding the SSCVS and associated design requirements. As a result, the Department requests an additional 25 days beyond the November 25, 2019, response due date.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gregory Sosson, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Field Operations Oversight/Chief of Nuclear Safety, at (202) 586-4505.

Sincerely,

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

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