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The Honorable Dan Brouillette
Secretary of Energy
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Brouillette:

We received Administrator Gordon-Hagerty's April 23, 2020, correspondence confirming that NNSA will again grant our staff access to nuclear explosive safety deliberations. Thank you for this response affirming Board oversight of all phases of nuclear explosive safety evaluations consistent with 42 U.S.C. § 2286c(a). Our staff has conducted itself professionally and according to statute for more than 30 years. We are confident that they will continue to do so.

We look forward to issuance of the revised DOE Order 140.1 that accurately reflects the Board's statutory authorities. We remain committed to development of a memorandum of understanding between our agencies to ensure our independent safety oversight remains effective, timely, and transparent.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Hamilton". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Bruce Hamilton
Chairman

c: Ms. Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty
Mr. John D. Evans
Mr. Joe Olencz