



The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

April 27, 2020

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

Dear Chairman Hamilton:

The Department of Energy (DOE) has received the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Draft Recommendation 2020-1, *Nuclear Safety Requirements*, on February 21, 2020, and published in the Federal Register on March 13, 2020. DOE is currently coordinating its review of Recommendation 2020-1 among the relevant offices. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 2286d(c)(1), the Department requests a 45-day extension to provide a response to the DNFSB by June 11, 2020.

DOE is committed to a robust nuclear safety regulatory framework that ensures adequate protection of the public and worker health and safety. A 45-day extension will afford DOE sufficient time to assess the Recommendation, findings, supporting data, and analyses.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Matthew Moury, Associate Under Secretary for Environment, Health, Safety and Security, at (202) 586-5175.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Brouillette".

Dan Brouillette