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**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES  
SAFETY BOARD**

Washington, DC 20004-2901



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The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm  
Secretary of Energy  
US Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Granholm:

On June 10, 2021, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) sent a letter to the Department of Energy (DOE), which included Technical Report 47, *Seismic Hazard Assessments*, as an attachment. The letter and report highlight the Board's concerns with the process of periodically assessing the seismic hazard (including subsequent analyses) at DOE sites. In the letter, the Board requested a report and brief within 90 days on the actions DOE plans to take to ensure the identified safety issues do not reoccur in future implementation of the process.

On August 31, 2021, DOE requested a 45-day extension to deliver the requested report and the Board agreed to the extension of submitting a response by October 23, 2021. However, to date, the Board has not yet received from DOE a response or a request for additional time. Please provide an updated date for delivering the requested report and briefing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce L. Connery". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joyce L. Connery  
Chair

c: Mr. Joe Olencz