



The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

December 22, 2021

The Honorable Joyce Connery
Chair, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chair Connery:

On February 21, 2020, the Department of Energy (DOE) received the initial issuance of Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB or Board) Recommendation 2020-1, *Nuclear Safety Requirements*. On June 11, 2020, DOE responded to the Board's Recommendation. On June 1, 2021, DOE received the reaffirmation and revision of Recommendation 2020-1. DOE responded to the revised Recommendation, providing a Final Decision on September 8, 2021. The Final Decision was published in the *Federal Register* on November 19, 2021.

The development of the Department's Implementation Plan (IP) for Recommendation 2020-1 has been undertaken by the DOE Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security, with coordination and input from DOE Program Secretarial Offices and staff. Since the IP actions pertain to DOE's nuclear safety regulatory framework and require significant DOE coordination, additional time is needed to develop and formalize an effective and efficient IP. DOE staff has maintained and will continue to foster productive discussions with the Board's staff throughout the IP development process.

In accordance with 42 United States Code §2286d(f), DOE is taking a 45-day extension to complete the IP and is notifying you, as required.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Matthew B. Moury, Associate Under Secretary for Environment, Health, Safety and Security, at 202-586-1285.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Granholm".

Jennifer Granholm