



## The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

August 2, 2021

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

Dear Chair Connery:

The Department of Energy (DOE) acknowledges receipt of your June 1, 2021, letter which both reaffirms and revises Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 2020-1, *Nuclear Safety Requirements*. In light of the revisions and modifications the DNFSB provided in its reaffirmation of the Recommendation, the Department requires additional time to conduct its analysis and provide my Final Decision. After the Final Decision is made, DOE will also make the appropriate public notification and inform members of Congress of my Final Decision in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 2286d(e).

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

Sincerely,

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

Jennifer Granholm