



Department of Energy
Under Secretary for Nuclear Security
Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585



November 10, 2022

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

Dear Chair Connery:

I am responding on behalf of the Secretary to your letter, dated July 26, 2022, regarding the results of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (DNFSB/Board) review of the condition and structural adequacy of the 296-H stack, located in the Savannah River Tritium Enterprise at the DOE/NNSA Savannah River Site.

The letter requested a report on how DOE/NNSA plans to address the safety matters cited by the Board. While DOE/NNSA is actively addressing the Board's concerns, the final report is still in process and not yet complete. DOE/NNSA has identified three viable options for addressing the 296-H stack issue, but those options require further investigation and detailed analysis. DOE/NNSA requests a 120-day extension and anticipates providing the report to the Board by March 2023.

DOE/NNSA appreciates the Board's advice, assistance, and its goal of ensuring the conditional and structural adequacy of the 296-H stack. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jason Armstrong, Savannah River Field Office Manager, at (803) 208-3689.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Hruby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jill Hruby