



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



October 06, 2022

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

Dear Chair Connery:

The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) received your letter, dated July 20, 2022, regarding revisions to DOE-NA-STD-3016, proposed co-located unit operations, and expanded nuclear explosive operations at the Pantex Plant (Pantex).

The letter established a 60-day requirement to provide a briefing on how NNSA plans to maintain the positive trajectory of its previously communicated improvement initiatives for conduct of operations and organizational culture at Pantex during these operational changes. We value the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) concerns and insights on these topics.

Given the coordination efforts required to adequately address the Board's concerns, NNSA anticipates providing a briefing to the Board by November 23, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Sigg, Acting Associate Administrator for the Office of Environment, Safety, and Health, at (202) 586-4096.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill H", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jill Hruby