



The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

January 30, 2023

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 (DOE or Department) received the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB or Board) letter dated August 24, 2022, providing the results of your staff's review of DOE's Safety Software Central Registry (Central Registry). The letter also established a reporting requirement for DOE to provide a briefing by the end of January 2023 that addresses DOE's plans for the Central Registry.

The Department is evaluating options and coordinating with internal stakeholders to reach a decision regarding its path forward. This effort will necessitate a 120-day extension to deliver a briefing to the Board by the end of May 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Todd Lapointe, Director, Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security, at 202-586-6740.

Sincerely,

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

Jennifer Granholm