



## The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

August 22, 2024

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

Dear Chair Connery:

On January 26, 2024, the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) received Recommendation 2023-1, *Onsite Transportation Safety*, which was published in the *Federal Register* on February 8, 2024. On May 3, 2024, DOE responded, accepting the Board's Recommendation. The Department's response was published in the *Federal Register* on May 24, 2024.

DOE is currently developing its Implementation Plan (IP) to address my acceptance of Recommendation 2023-1 through coordination and input from DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and other DOE Program Secretarial Offices responsible for DOE defense nuclear facilities. Since the IP actions pertain to revisions of the DOE nuclear safety regulatory framework and require significant coordination among multiple DOE offices responsible for defense nuclear facilities, additional time is needed to develop and formalize an effective and efficient IP. DOE has maintained and will continue to foster productive discussions with the Board throughout the IP development process.

In accordance with 42 U.S.C §2286d(f), *Board Recommendations*, DOE is notifying you that an additional 45 days is needed to complete the IP.

If you have any questions, please contact Gregory Hatchett, NNSA Deputy Associate Administrator for Enterprise Stewardship, whom I have assigned as the Responsible Manager for this recommendation, at (202) 586-6443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Granholm", is positioned above the name Jennifer Granholm.

Jennifer Granholm