



The Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

March 21, 2024

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

Dear Chair Connery:

The Department of Energy (DOE) received the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 2023-1, *Onsite Transportation Safety*, on January 26, 2024, and later received notice that it was published in the Federal Register on February 8, 2024. DOE is currently coordinating its review of Recommendation 2023-1 among the relevant offices. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 2286d(c)(1), DOE requests a 45-day extension to provide a response to the DNFSB by May 8, 2024.

DOE is committed to a robust nuclear safety regulatory framework that ensures reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public and worker health and safety. A 45-day extension will afford DOE sufficient time to assess the Recommendation and its findings, supporting data, and analyses.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Gregory P. Hatchett, National Nuclear Security Administration Deputy Associate Administrator for Enterprise Stewardship, at (202) 586-6443.

Sincerely,

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

Jennifer Granholm