



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

August 18, 2025

The Honorable Thomas A. Summers
Acting Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Summers:

On behalf of the Secretary, I am responding to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (DNFSB or Board) letter dated June 12, 2025, regarding the Board's concerns related to the Safety Integrity Level for the 242-A Evaporator at the Hanford Site. The Department of Energy (DOE) is currently reviewing the information with internal stakeholders and will need an additional 90 days to provide a written response and schedule a briefing.

An extension will afford DOE time to coordinate internally with Program Secretarial Offices to address the Board's questions. We will continue to provide DNFSB staff with periodic updates on our progress.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Brenda Hawks, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary for Field Operations Oversight / Chief of Nuclear Safety, at (865) 805-0391.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roger A. Jarrell II". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the "II" at the end being clearly legible.

Roger A. Jarrell II
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Environmental Management

cc: Joe Olencz, EHSS-1.1
Brenda Hawks, EM-3.11/CNS