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**Department of Energy**

Washington, DC 20585

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

Dear Chair Connery:

This letter is to inform you that Deliverables 5.3.2, *Development and Issuance of New Nuclear Safety Order*, and 5.5.2, *Final Revision to DOE-STD-1104, Review and Approval of Nuclear Facility Safety Basis and Safety Design Basis Documents*, of the Department of Energy's (DOE) Implementation Plan (IP) for Recommendation 2020-1, *Nuclear Safety Requirements*, will be delayed beyond the expected delivery date of December 27, 2024. Actions associated with these deliverables have been initiated and are underway. DOE anticipates completing these deliverables by March 31, 2025 and June 30, 2025, respectively. This delay is due to the extended comment resolution period for the new nuclear safety Order, DOE Order 421.1, *Nuclear Safety Basis*. The revision of DOE-STD-1104 is dependent on the approval and issuance of Order 421.1.

DOE will continue to keep your staff informed on our progress concerning Deliverables 5.3.2 and 5.5.2. If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-903-7440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garrett Smith".

Garrett Smith  
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Security  
Responsible Manager, Recommendation  
2020-1, *Nuclear Safety Requirements*,  
Implementation Plan

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