



The Deputy Secretary of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

August 26, 2020

The Honorable Bruce Hamilton
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Hamilton:

Thank you for your August 7 congratulatory letter on my appointment as Deputy Secretary of Energy. I welcome the opportunity to meet with the Board and look forward to a continued strong and cooperative relationship between our two agencies.

I note that your letters of February 28 and August 4 to the Secretary express interest in development of a Memorandum of Agreement or Understanding, in order to come to a common understanding of DOE's Order 140.1 (*Interface with the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board*) and its implementation at the Department's defense nuclear facilities. I agree that a foundation for mutual communication, transparency, and information sharing would be beneficial in improving the operational and interface efficiencies of both agencies.

I have directed the Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security's Office of the Departmental Representative to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board to coordinate this effort with your staff. In addition, I have assigned Mr. Matthew Moury, Associate Under Secretary for Environment, Health, Safety, and Security, to be the Department's responsible manager for this effort. Mr. Moury can be reached at (202) 586-1285.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark W. Menezes", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark W. Menezes