



**Department of Energy**  
**Under Secretary for Nuclear Security**  
**Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration**  
**Washington, DC 20585**



July 28, 2022

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

Dear Chair Connery:

The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) received your letter, dated May 10, 2022, regarding the results of the Pantex Plant (Pantex) external dosimetry program safety review. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary.

The letter established a 90 and 120-day requirement to provide a report and briefing, respectively, on lessons learned from the Pantex external dosimetry program breakdown, and actions to prevent reoccurrence at Pantex and other defense nuclear facilities. We value the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) concerns and insights on these topics.

Given the number of DOE/NNSA stakeholders and the coordination required to adequately address the Board's concerns, DOE/NNSA anticipates transmitting the requested report by October 10, 2022 and providing a briefing to the Board no later than November 10, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Sigg, Acting Associate Administrator for the Office of Environment, Safety, and Health, at (202) 586-4096.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill H" followed by a stylized flourish.

Jill Hruby