Joyce L. Connery, Chair Thomas A. Summers, Vice Chair Jessie H. Roberson

#### DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Washington, DC 20004-2901



The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm Secretary of Energy US Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Granholm:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) received your letter of June 27, 2022, enclosing the Department of Energy's (DOE) implementation plan (IP) for Board Recommendation 2020-1, *Nuclear Safety Requirements*. The Board finds the implementation plan to be consistent with your acceptance of the recommendation described in your final decision letter of September 8, 2021.

As the Board noted in its October 14, 2021, response to that letter, aspects of DOE's approach do not fully embrace some actions recommended by the Board. Nevertheless, the Board finds that execution of the IP could result in improvements to DOE's nuclear safety framework that are consistent with most of the objectives of the Board's recommendation. Achievement of these objectives will be contingent on DOE executing the elements of the IP with the goal of addressing the Board's safety concerns.

Interactions with your staff during development of the implementation plan were beneficial in assuring mutual understanding of safety issues and perspectives. The Board looks forward to continuing this productive engagement throughout the implementation process as well as engaging with you and your leadership team directly.

Sincerely,

Joyce L. Connery Chair

c: Mr. Joe Olencz

#### **AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD**

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Recommendation 2	2020-1 II	P Response
<b>Doc Control#:</b> 2022-200-0003		

The Board acted on the above document on 08/16/2022. The document was Approved.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING	COMMENT	DATE
Joyce L. Connery	<b>✓</b>					08/15/2022
Thomas Summers	<b>~</b>					08/15/2022
Jessie H. Roberson	<b>~</b>					08/16/2022

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Board Members.

Shelby Qualls

Executive Secretary to the Board

#### Attachments:

- 1. Voting Summary
- 2. Board Member Vote Sheets

FROM: Joyce L. Connery

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation 2020-1 IP Response

**Doc Control#:** 2022-200-0003

**DATE:** 08/15/2022

**VOTE:** Approved

Member voted by email.

#### **COMMENTS:**

None

Toyce L. Connery

FROM:	Joyce L. Connery	
SUBJECT:	Recommendation 2020-1 IP Respo	nse
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Joyce L. Connery Joyce L. Connery

**Date: August 15, 2022** 

FROM: Thomas Summers

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation 2020-1 IP Response

**Doc Control#:** 2022-200-0003

**DATE:** 08/15/2022

**VOTE:** Approved

**COMMENTS:** 

None

Thomas Summers

FROM: Jessie H. Roberson

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation 2020-1 IP Response

**Doc Control#:** 2022-200-0003

**DATE:** 08/16/2022

**VOTE:** Approved

Member voted by email.

**COMMENTS:** 

None

Tessie H. Roberson

FROM:	Jessie H. Roberson					
SUBJECT:	Recommendation 2020-1 IP Response					
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Jessie H. Roberson
Date