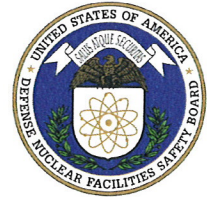


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July 17, 2013

The Honorable Ernest J. Moniz
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Moniz:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) has received your letter dated June 6, 2013, enclosing the Department of Energy's (DOE) Implementation Plan for Board Recommendation 2012-2, *Hanford Tank Farms Flammable Gas Safety Strategy*. The Board has reviewed the Implementation Plan, and finds that it meets the substantive criteria of the Board's Policy Statement 1, *Criteria for Judging the Adequacy of DOE Responses and Implementation Plans for Board Recommendations*, and is responsive to the safety issues identified in the Recommendation.

The Board's staff will maintain close contact with DOE representatives to follow the progress toward implementing Recommendation 2012-2.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Winokur, Ph.D.
Chairman

c: Mr. David Huizenga
Mrs. Mari-Jo Campagnone