

## **Department of Energy**

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

Dear Chairman Connery:

SUBJECT: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 2012-1 Implementation Plan (IP) Action 1 - 3

This letter is to inform you that the Department of Energy Savannah River Site has completed the subject action:

Action 1-3: Restore cell infrastructure in Plutonium Fuel Form cells 6 through 9

Installation of the cell infrastructure in cells 6 through 9 necessary to support the identification and planning of work to begin removal of Material At Risk (MAR) is complete. Outer cell windows have been removed, inner cell windows have been cleaned and temporary lighting has been installed. It is anticipated that additional infrastructure needs will be identified throughout the course of the project as specific MAR removal activities are identified and planned. As MAR removal activities may extend over an unknown period of time, procedures have been developed for the installation of gloves and replacement of manipulators. Work crews have received extensive training on these procedures in our mock-up facility. Additionally, three replacement manipulators have been procured and are on site for use, if needed.

If you have any questions please contact me or have your staff contact Patrick McGuire, Assistant Manager for Nuclear Material Stabilization at (803) 208-3927.

Sincerely,

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Savannah River Site Manager

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