



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

October 19, 2012

The Honorable Peter S. Winokur
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Earlier this year, the Department of Energy (DOE) received Defense Nuclear Facilities Board (DNSFB) Recommendation 2012-1, *Savannah River Site Building 235-F Safety*, identifying the need to take actions to reduce the hazards associated with the material at risk that remains as residual contamination within Building 235-F.

DOE is working with your staff to define actions it will take to address the three sub-recommendations in the Recommendation. A draft implementation plan has been developed and shared with your staff. However, DOE is assessing the impacts of funding Savannah River Site work under a continuing resolution and additional time is needed to define those impacts and work with the DNFSB to develop a feasible implementation schedule.

In accordance with 42 U.S. C. §2286d(e), DOE is taking an extension of 45 days to complete the IP, and is therefore notifying you as required.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. David Huizenga, Senior Advisor for Environmental Management, at (202) 586-7709.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Chu".

Steven Chu

