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

Dear Secretary Moniz:

This letter requests information on decontamination activities planned for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 to support the Implementation Plan (IP) for Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2012-1, *Savannah River Site Building 235-F Safety*. The IP embodies a strategy of performing decontamination in cells 6 through 9, and then it uses the lessons learned from these lower hazard cells to guide decontamination in the higher risk cells 1 through 5. A considerable time gap exists in the IP between the start of work on cells 6 through 9 in 2015 and the subsequent work on cells 1 through 5 in 2018.

We recognize operational work has commenced on cells 6 through 9 and are encouraged by the progress made since our March 9, 2015 letter regarding Building 235-F risk reduction. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2286b(d), the Board requests a report within 60 days of receipt of this letter that describes the scope and schedule for Building 235-F decontamination work in fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

Sincerely,

  
Joyce L. Connery  
Chairman