



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable Jessie H. Roberson
Vice Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004-2901

Dear Madam Vice Chairman:

On September 3, 2014, the Department of Energy (DOE) received Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Recommendation 2014-01, *Emergency Preparedness and Response*. On November 7, 2014, DOE responded to the Board's Recommendation. The response was published in the Federal Register on December 1, 2014.

The development of the Department's Implementation Plan (IP) for Recommendation 2014-01 has been undertaken by the Office of Emergency Operations, Office of Enterprise Independent Assessment, the three defense nuclear Program Secretarial Offices and five field elements. Actions related to changing oversight activities and the Department's Emergency Management Order require significant coordination across multiple sites and Program Secretarial Offices. As a result, additional time is needed to develop and formalize a more effective and efficient IP. DOE staff has maintained productive discussions with the Board's staff throughout the IP development process. We will continue this dialogue to gain additional clarity concerning the Recommendation's findings and in finalizing the IP.

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

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact me or Ms. Deborah A. Wilber, Acting Associated Administrator for Emergency Operations, at (202) 586-9892.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernest J. Moniz".

Ernest J. Moniz

