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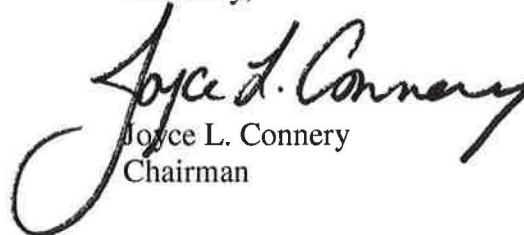
September 2, 2016

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) received your letter dated June 16, 2016, enclosing the Department of Energy's (DOE) Implementation Plan for Board Recommendation 2015-1, *Emergency Preparedness and Response at the Pantex Plant*. We find that the Implementation Plan meets the criteria of our Policy Statement 1, *Criteria for Judging the Adequacy of DOE Responses and Implementation Plans for Board Recommendations*. If the Plan is implemented fully, it will address the safety issues identified in Recommendation 2015-1.

Sincerely,


Joyce L. Connery
Chairman

c: Mr. Joe Olencz