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The Honorable Thomas A. Summers Acting Chairman Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board 625 Indiana NW, Suite 700 Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Summers,

This letter is to inform you that three deliverables from the Department of Energy's (DOE) Implementation Plan (IP) for Recommendation 2020-1, *Nuclear Safety Requirements*, will be delayed beyond their expected delivery dates. Actions associated with these deliverables have been initiated and are underway, however, additional time is anticipated for completion of the following deliverables:

- Deliverable 5.2.3, Development and Issuance of Revised DOE-STD-1027,
- Deliverable 5.3.2, Development and Issuance of New Nuclear Safey Order, and
- Deliverable 5.5.2, Final Revision to DOE-STD-1104, Review and Approval of Nuclear Facility Safety Basis and Safety Design Basis Documents.

We are continuing to work on these deliverables but are unable to provide an estimated completion date until we have a better understanding of the impacts of recent and upcoming changes within the Department. The Department will continue to keep your staff informed on our progress concerning these Deliverables and I will communicate an estimated completion date to the Technical Director as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact me at 301-903-7440.

Sincerely,

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