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Department of Energy Under Secretary for Nuclear Security Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration Washington, DC 20585



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

Dear Mr. Summers:

On behalf of the Secretary, I am responding to the Board's January 30, 2025, letter regarding revisions to the *B61 Hazard Analysis Report* and planned revision of additional safety basis documents across other weapons programs at the Pantex Plant. The letter included a reporting requirement for the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) to provide a written report within 120 days of receipt of the Board's letter on any actions taken or planned for these remaining open safety issues and observations, as well as the implementation of those actions across the other appropriate weapons programs.

NNSA is developing and revising the remaining safety basis documents to address the open safety issues identified in the Staff Report. This effort requires additional time to deliver a report to the Board. NNSA expects to deliver the report to the Board by August 29, 2025. NNSA will continue to keep your staff informed of our progress.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Ahmad M. Al-Daouk, Associate Administrator for Environment, Safety, and Health, at (202) 586-4096.

Sincerely,

Veresa M. Robbins Acting Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator, NNSA

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