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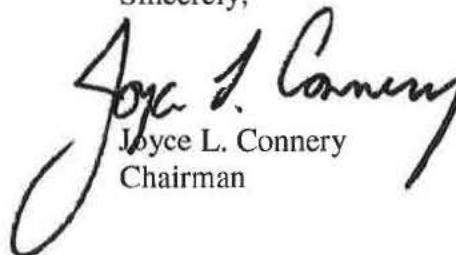
The Honorable Ernest J. Moniz
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Moniz:

In your December 29, 2014 response letter regarding Oversight of Complex, High Hazard Nuclear Operations you indicated that the Department planned to perform a holistic evaluation of the effectiveness of DOE Federal nuclear safety oversight processes to identify areas for improvement. This evaluation was to be led by DOE senior management and conducted during 2015.

Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2286b(d), please provide the results of your evaluation of the effectiveness of DOE Federal nuclear safety oversight processes, within 30 days of this letter.

Sincerely,


Joyce L. Connery
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c: Mr. Joe Olencz