



**The Secretary of Energy**  
Washington, DC 20585

July 31, 2019

The Honorable Bruce Hamilton  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue NW, Suite 700  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Department of Energy (DOE or Department) received the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) Recommendation 2019-2, *Safety of the Savannah River Site Tritium Facilities*, on June 11, 2019. In accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 2286d(c)(1), the Department requests a 45 day extension to provide a response. Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty, the Department's Under Secretary for Nuclear Security, will provide the response to DNFSB by September 16, 2019.

The Department is committed to the safe operations at the Savannah River Site Tritium Facilities. As you may be aware, DOE has already taken actions to address concerns identified in the Recommendation. A 45-day extension will afford DOE sufficient time to assess the Recommendation's findings, supporting data, and analyses.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Joseph Olencz, Departmental Representative to DNFSB, Office of the Environment, Health, Safety and Security, at (301) 903-4586, or by email at [joe.olencz@hq.doe.gov](mailto:joe.olencz@hq.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

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