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The Honorable Dan Brouillette  
Secretary of Energy  
US Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Brouillette:

We received Administrator Gordon-Hagerty's April 23, 2020, correspondence confirming that NNSA will again grant our staff access to nuclear explosive safety deliberations. Thank you for this response affirming Board oversight of all phases of nuclear explosive safety evaluations consistent with 42 U.S.C. § 2286c(a). Our staff has conducted itself professionally and according to statute for more than 30 years. We are confident that they will continue to do so.

We look forward to issuance of the revised DOE Order 140.1 that accurately reflects the Board's statutory authorities. We remain committed to development of a memorandum of understanding between our agencies to ensure our independent safety oversight remains effective, timely, and transparent.

Yours truly,

Bruce Hamilton  
Chairman

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