July 17, 2013

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

Dear Secretary Moniz:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) has received your letter dated June 6, 2013, enclosing the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Implementation Plan for Board Recommendation 2012-2, Hanford Tank Farms Flammable Gas Safety Strategy. The Board has reviewed the Implementation Plan, and finds that it meets the substantive criteria of the Board’s Policy Statement 1, Criteria for Judging the Adequacy of DOE Responses and Implementation Plans for Board Recommendations, and is responsive to the safety issues identified in the Recommendation.

The Board’s staff will maintain close contact with DOE representatives to follow the progress toward implementing Recommendation 2012-2.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Peter S. Winokur, Ph.D.
Chairman

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