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The Honorable James Richard Perry
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000


Dear Secretary Perry:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board has voted to hold a public meeting in lieu of the public hearing scheduled for September 26, 2017. The meeting's focus will remain the same, namely: the status of emergency management across the Department of Energy's defense nuclear facilities. As a result of this change, participation by you and your senior leadership team is no longer required by 42 U.S.C. § 2286b(a).

When this hearing was originally planned, we anticipated that your team would be substantially in place by September. That assumption was overly optimistic, and we now believe that holding a hearing this month would be more disruptive than productive. Replacing the hearing with a meeting will keep an appropriate amount of attention on the topic for the time being.

While the meeting does not involve participation by you or your team, DOE attendance is welcomed and encouraged.

Yours truly,


Sean Sullivan
for Chairman
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c: Mr. Joe Olencz