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**Washington, DC 20585**



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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in response to your August 22, 2019, letter regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) response and Implementation Plan for Recommendation 2019-1, *Uncontrolled Hazard Scenarios and 10 CFR 830 Implementation at the Pantex Plant*. The Department accepted Recommendation 2019-1 as documented in our letter to you dated April 16, 2019. The Implementation Plan developed by the Department includes detailed commitments that address the safety concerns identified by the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board). To date, the Department has completed 15 of the 35 actions identified in the Implementation Plan, in addition to dozens of other related improvement actions that have been identified and executed during the past year.

The Department is committed to making sustained and continuing improvements to the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of the safety basis and its processes at Pantex, which include addressing the safety issues highlighted by the Board. We look forward to working with the Board as we implement the actions identified in the Implementation Plan. The Department would appreciate the opportunity to provide the Board with a detailed and comprehensive briefing on our Implementation Plan and the broader suite of improvement actions being taken.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Geoffrey L. Beausoleil, at (865) 576-0752.

Sincerely,



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