



Department of Energy
Under Secretary for Nuclear Security
Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration
Washington, DC 20585



June 22, 2022

The Honorable Joyce L. Connery
Chair, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue NW
Suite 700
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chair Connery:

The Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA) acknowledges receipt of your letter dated January 24, 2022, which provided the results of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) Conceptual Design Review of the Savannah River Plutonium Processing Facility (SRPPF). The report identified eight safety observations that should be addressed as the project progresses into preliminary design. DOE/NNSA agrees that the safety observations represent risks that merit attention as the SRPPF design is matured. The SRPPF Project Integrated Project Team has identified planned actions and the resulting design deliverables that will address each safety observation, and is tracking the development of each.

DOE/NNSA appreciates the Board's advice and will continue working closely with the Board and its staff to ensure that the SRPPF is designed and constructed to enable the safe, effective, and efficient execution of DOE/NNSA's mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jill H". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Jill Hruby