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

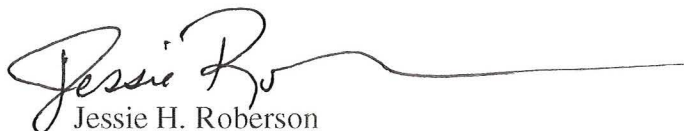
Dear Secretary Moniz:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) is holding a public meeting and hearing on April 29, 2015, in Carlsbad, New Mexico to discuss the recovery and resumption of operations at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant. The focus of this meeting and hearing is on actions taken by the Department of Energy (DOE) to recover the underground and improve safety programs and safety basis documentation to support the safe resumption of waste operations at this critical defense nuclear facility.

We invite you or your designee to appear at the meeting and hearing to present insights on DOE's actions in these areas. Your participation will provide us valuable information in support of our mission to ensure adequate protection of public and worker safety at DOE's defense nuclear facilities. The format for this meeting and hearing will include you or your designee making a prepared statement and responding to questions from Board Members. The agenda for the meeting and hearing will be posted on the Board's web page, <http://www.dnfsb.gov>.

The agenda will be updated periodically as preparations for the meeting and hearing are finalized. Your staff may contact our Technical Director, Mr. Steven Stokes, to make the necessary arrangements for attendance.

Sincerely,


Jessie H. Roberson
Vice Chairman

c: Mr. Joe Olencz