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Dear Dr. Huff:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board), I would like to thank you for your recent responses to our letter of August 12, 2021, regarding the Board public meeting held May 12-13, 2021, and our report, *Six Overarching Recommendations for How to Move the Nation's Nuclear Waste Management Program Forward* (Six Recommendations Report; April 2021). We appreciate the time and effort that you and your team devoted to providing detailed and thoughtful replies to our recommendations. We particularly appreciate the format of the letter responding to the Six Recommendations Report in which you listed current activities and future actions that relate to our recommendations.

The Board believes that a continuing and candid discussion between our organizations is important and fruitful. Such communication can bolster the Department's research and development (R&D) program supporting the management and disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste as well as the Board's efforts to review and provide feedback on those activities.

Given what the Board believes is the importance of implementing the recommendations made in the Six Recommendations Report, and to further clarify key points contained in the report and DOE's responses to the Board's recommendations, I would like to arrange a follow-up meeting with you in the near future. I suggest a one-on-one meeting with you to discuss key points in the Six Recommendations Report, including the Department's R&D efforts, developing an integrated waste management system, and advancing a new consent-based siting program. Please let me know if and when you can support this meeting by sending your response to our Acting Executive Director, Mr. Daniel Ogg, at ogg@nwtrb.gov. Thank you. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

{Signed by}

Jean M. Bahr
Chair

cc: Mx. Samuel Brinton, DOE-NE