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Professor Jean M. Bahr  
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Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board  
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Dear Professor Bahr:

Thank you for our recent productive discussion on April 27, 2020, and your letter of January 10, 2020, both regarding how the Office of Environmental Management (EM) and the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) can best establish a framework for more regular interactions.

As you know, EM continues to focus on the safe and secure management of Department of Energy-owned Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF), and we have discussed these activities on numerous occasions with the Board. We are currently funding dry storage technology development activities, and the status of this program was presented at the November 2019 Board meeting.

The Office of Nuclear Energy (NE) within the Department has the lead responsibility for the Nuclear Waste Policy Act and for establishing a repository for SNF and high-level waste. For EM activities, EM will interact directly with the Board and keep NE appropriately informed. Mark Senderling, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Waste and Materials Management, will be your EM point of contact. We look forward to future opportunities for regular interactions and discussions, e.g., a "fact finding" meeting at the Idaho National Laboratory to discuss the on-going research and development on aluminum-clad SNF, as we discussed in our call.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Mark Senderling, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Waste and Materials Management, at (202) 586-0785 or [mark.senderling@em.doe.gov](mailto:mark.senderling@em.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William I. White".

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