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**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES
SAFETY BOARD**

Washington, DC 20004-2901



The Honorable James Richard Perry
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Perry:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is pleased to recognize that Mr. Nicholas A. Balsmeier of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho Operations Office was named 2016 DOE Facility Representative of the Year at the recent Nuclear and Facility Safety Programs Workshop. Mr. Balsmeier's high quality, professional, and effective oversight contributed significantly to operational safety at the Idaho site's Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project and Radioactive Waste Management Complex, a pair of Hazard Category 2 nuclear facilities. The challenges in overseeing these high-hazard facilities and operations make him well deserving of this professional honor. We join you in acknowledging the important contributions made by all DOE facility representatives, and extend our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Balsmeier.

Sincerely,

Sean Sullivan
Chairman

c: Mr. John P. Zimmerman
Mr. Nicholas A. Balsmeier
Mr. Joe Olencz

AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: 2016 DOE Facility Representative of the Year Recognition

Doc Control#2017-100-075

The Board, with Board Member(s) Sean Sullivan, Jessie H. Roberson, Daniel J. Santos, Joyce L. Connery *approving*, Board Member(s) Bruce Hamilton *disapproving*, Board Member(s) none *abstaining*, and Board Member(s) none *not participating*, have voted to approve the above document on September 13, 2017.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING*	COMMENT	DATE
Sean Sullivan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/12/17
Bruce Hamilton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	09/13/17
Jessie H. Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/12/17
Daniel J. Santos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/12/17
Joyce L. Connery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/12/17

*Reason for Not Participating:

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Board Members.


Assistant Executive Secretary to the Board

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Board Member Vote Sheets

cc: Board Members
OGC
OGM Records Officer
OTD

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Sean Sullivan

SUBJECT: 2016 DOE Facility Representative of the Year Recognition

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Approved **Disapproved** **Abstain**

Recusal – Not Participating

COMMENTS: **Below** **Attached** **None**



Sean Sulliyán

9/21/17

Date

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

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Approved _____ Disapproved X Abstain _____

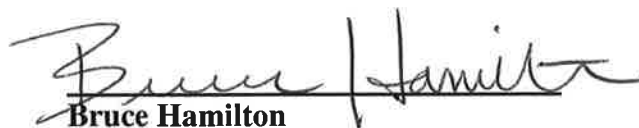
Recusal – Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below X Attached _____ None _____

This is congenial correspondence, and while I have no first-hand knowledge of the recipient or of his contributions, I am confident in the Secretary of Energy's assessment that he is deserving of the award.

That notwithstanding, it is unfitting for the Board, which is charged with providing independent safety oversight, to endorse or recognize the performance of individuals within the Department of Energy. Doing so would contribute to greater familiarity and informality with Departmental actors, thus eroding, albeit marginally in this case, the Board's independence and objectivity, particularly in the eyes of the public.

I therefore disapprove.


Bruce Hamilton

13 SEPT 2017
Date

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Jessie H. Roberson

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Approved

Disapproved

Abstain

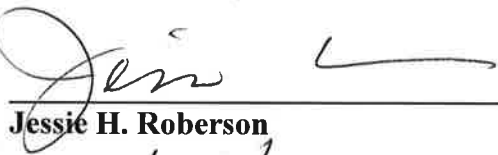
Recusal – Not Participating

COMMENTS:

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Attached

None



Jessie H. Roberson

Date

9/12/2017

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Daniel J. Santos


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Approved Disapproved _____ Abstain _____

Recusal – Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below _____ Attached _____ None



Daniel J. Santos
9/12/17

Date

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**


FROM: Joyce L. Connery

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Approved **Disapproved** **Abstain**
Recusal – Not Participating

COMMENTS: **Below** **Attached** **None**



Joyce L. Connery
9/12/17

Date