

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION BY A BOARD MEMBER**

Requester: Daniel J. Santos November 1, 2017

**Brief description of Requested Action:** I request the Board:

- 1) To conduct periodic public meetings (nominally four hours in duration) for the following defense nuclear facilities sites:
  - a) Y-12 National Security complex / Oak Ridge National Laboratory
  - b) Los Alamos National Laboratory
  - c) Savannah River site
  - d) Pantex plant
  - e) Hanford site
  - f) Idaho National Laboratory
  - g) Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
  - h) Sandia National Laboratory
  - i) Nevada National Security site
  - j) Waste Isolation Pilot Plant
  
- 2) The purpose of each meeting is to:
  - a) Discuss the DNFSB's oversight of the defense nuclear facilities at the subject site for the previous two years including:
    - i) Observations by the DNFSB resident inspectors and DNFSB staff
    - ii) Completed and ongoing reviews by DNFSB staff
    - iii) Applicable Board correspondence and any applicable DOE and NNSA responses
  - b) Discuss planned reviews by DNFSB staff
  - c) Discuss safety issues identified and being tracked by the Board
  - d) Provide a forum to receive information from the interested public and the scientific and industrial communities regarding events or practices at the subject defense nuclear facilities.
  
- 3) All information at these public meetings shall be unclassified and presented/provided in a form appropriate for public consumption.
  
- 4) The public meetings for sites listed in paragraph 1.a through 1.e are to be conducted once every two years for each site. These public meetings are to be conducted at locations near the subject sites.
  
- 5) The public meetings for sites listed in paragraph 1.f through 1.j are to be conducted once every two years but multiple sites can be combined in a single meeting. These public meetings can be conducted at DNFSB headquarters or preferentially at locations near a selected site.
  
- 6) For each meeting, this action constitutes approval of the meeting agenda as described in Attachment 1.
  
- 7) For each meeting, this action constitutes approval of the associated Federal Register Notice to be issued consistent with this action.

- 8) Task the Office of the Technical Director to generate a recurring two-year schedule with the first public meeting occurring no later than February 2018. This schedule is to be provided to the Board for information and published on the DNFSB public website within 15 business days of approval of this action.
- 9) Task the Office of the Technical Director with support of the Office of General Manager and the Office of General Counsel to plan, coordinate, and conduct the public meetings consistent with this action and the schedule in paragraph 8 above.

**Justification:** To improve public transparency and accountability of the DNFSB oversight work. To provide another forum to receive information from interested stakeholders. This action is consistent with the DNFSB historical practices as described in previous reports to Congress, the DNFSB performance goals, and with the DNFSB enabling statute.

“§ 2286b. Powers of Board

(j) Evaluation of information.

The Board may evaluate information received from the scientific and industrial communities, and from the interested public, with respect to—

- (1) events or practices at any Department of Energy defense nuclear facility;...”

**Other information:**

- 1) If any formal participation by the Department of Energy or any other entity is requested for any particular meeting, the request will be handled via separate Board action.
- 2) The agenda in Attachment 1 is meant to provide a standardized approach to communicate expectations to the DNFSB staff and the public. Subsequent modifications to each specific agenda can always be made at any time by the Board based on specific circumstances.

Attachments (init) \_1\_

Summarize any time sensitive considerations:

Requestor signature signature on file November 1, 2017

Assistant Executive secretary signature on file November 1, 2017

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	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICPATING	COMMENT	DATE	Final
Sean Sullivan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Bruce Hamilton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Jessie H. Roberson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Daniel J. Santos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Joyce L. Connery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Disposition Summary							
Executive Secretary signature _____ Click here to enter a date.							

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**AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD**

**SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Santos to Conduct Periodic Public Meetings**

**Doc Control#2018-300-004**

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

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING*	COMMENT	DATE
Sean Sullivan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11/09/17
Bruce Hamilton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11/09/17
Jessie H. Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	11/13/17
Daniel J. Santos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11/13/17
Joyce L. Connery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11/13/17

\*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:** RFBA by Board Member Santos to Conduct Periodic Public Meetings

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved X Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Recusal – Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:** Below X Attached \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_

Implementing the Board Member's request would consume significant staff resources. We recently completed planning staff work for FY2018. A request such as this should be considered during the planning process.



Sean Sullivan

11/9/17

Date

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

**FROM:** Bruce Hamilton

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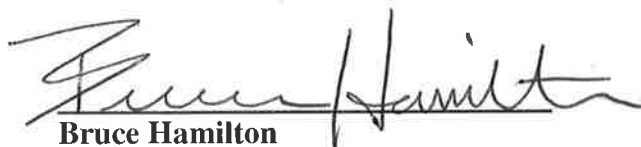
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**Recusal – Not Participating** \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:** **Below**  X  **Attached** \_\_\_\_\_ **None** \_\_\_\_\_

This proposal would expend the agency's limited resources across defense nuclear facilities in a uniform allocation, even though the relative risks to the adequate protection of the public health and safety across the weapons complex are far from uniform. Such an approach to facilities review is not the best allocation of resources when compared to a more focused and tailored approach.

I therefore disapprove.



**Bruce Hamilton**

9 NOV 2017

**Date**

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**

**NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

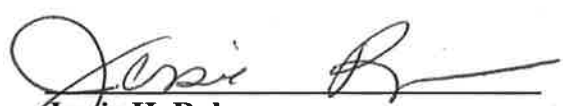
**FROM: Jessie H. Roberson**

**SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Santos to Conduct Periodic Public Meetings**

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

**COMMENTS:** **Below** \_\_\_\_\_ **Attached** \_\_\_\_\_ **None**

  
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**Jessie H. Roberson**  
Nov. 13, 2017  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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

**FROM:** Daniel J. Santos

**SUBJECT:** RFBA by Board Member Santos to Conduct Periodic Public Meetings

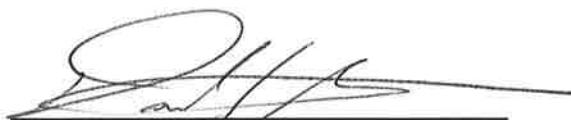
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**Recusal – Not Participating**       

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

Conducting periodic public meetings will help improve transparency and accountability of the DNFSB oversight work. These meetings will provide another forum to receive information from interested stakeholders. This action is consistent with DNFSB historical practices as described in previous reports to Congress, the DNFSB performance goals, and with the DNFSB enabling statute.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Daniel J. Santos**  
\_\_\_\_\_ 11/13/17  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**

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

**FROM:** Joyce L. Connery

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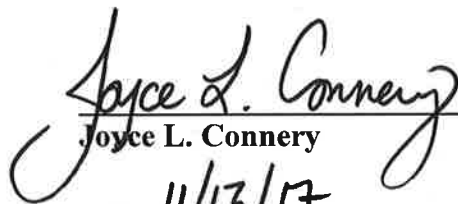
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Recusal – Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:** Below X Attached \_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_

I appreciate the thoroughness of the RFBA and the idea of improving transparency. Given the size of our agency and the scope of these meetings, I believe that exercising the proposal of the RFBA in full would divert staff time and energy from the core mission of providing nuclear safety oversight. I would support a much scaled down pilot version of this type of activity such as a Board visit to a site (no more than one scheduled a year, to ensure that there is sufficient flexibility for the Board to convene a hearing at another site or on a different topic) before which the staff would brief on a variety of topics but that then result in a limited public meeting or hearing on site. A potential site for such a pilot could be Savannah River Site with a focus on conduct of operations and TSR violations.

  
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Joyce L. Connery  
11/13/17  
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Date