

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION BY A BOARD MEMBER

Requester: Daniel J. Santos November 29, 2017

Brief description of Requested Action:

1. For each technical review, task the staff (OGM lead with support from OTD and OGC) to publish on the DNFSB public website the associated technical review agenda(s) within 30 days of “review completion”. Prior to publication, the subject agendas must undergo appropriate reviews for public release such as classification review. For this request for Board Action, “review completion” is defined as follows:

“Issuance by the DNFSB staff to the Board of an information paper(s), issue paper(s), technical report(s), or weekly progress report(s) associated with a technical review”

2. For ease of information access in the DNFSB website, task OGM to add the review agendas under a new “Technical Review Agendas” tab under the existing “Documents” tab.
3. Implement the actions above within 30 business days of approval of this action.

Justification:

To improve awareness and a better understanding of DNFSB activities to the public and other stakeholders. During FY17 the DNFSB conducted 83 technical reviews, yet only communicated publicly on 12 of those reviews. The DNFSB review agendas are already made available to DOE and its contractors.

Attachments (init) ____

Summarize any time sensitive considerations:

Requestor signature signature on file November 29, 2017

Assistant Executive secretary signature on file November 29, 2017

	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.

AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Santos to Task the Staff to Publish on the DNFSB Public Website the Associated Technical Review Agenda(s)

Doc Control#2018-300-015

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 December 5, 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"/>	12/04/17
Bruce Hamilton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12/04/17
Jessie H. Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12/04/17
Daniel J. Santos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12/04/17
Joyce L. Connery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12/05/17

*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

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Approved _____ **Disapproved** X _____ **Abstain** _____

Recusal – Not Participating _____

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

Publishing every review agenda will clutter the agency website with information that is frequently of no consequence.



Sean Sullivan

12/4/17

Date

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
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FROM: Bruce Hamilton

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Approved _____ Disapproved X Abstain _____

Recusal – Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below X Attached _____ None _____

42 U.S.C. § 2286a.(a) of the Board's enabling statute delineates the Board's mission: "The mission of the Board shall be to provide independent analysis, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy to inform the Secretary, in the role of the Secretary as operator and regulator of the defense nuclear facilities of the Department of Energy, in providing adequate protection of public health and safety at such defense nuclear facilities." This mission statement neither addresses the dissemination of Board information to stakeholders as part of the Board's mission nor does it imply who those stakeholders might be.

The statutory requirement for public dissemination of Board correspondence is detailed in 42 U.S.C. § 2286d.(b) "Public availability and comment," which requires recommendations and any related correspondence to be made available to the public. Beyond this requirement, the statute is silent on the subject of public dissemination of technical information.

Accordingly, this RFBA proposes action outside that specified in the Board's enabling statute.

I therefore disapprove.


Bruce Hamilton

4 DEC 2017
Date

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Jessie H. Roberson

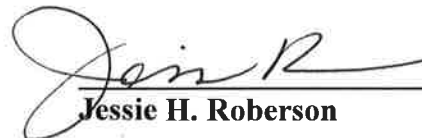
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Recusal - Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below _____ Attached _____ None

I support this action as the posting would occur after completion of the associated review but would serve to keep the public aware of the work of the Board even when it does not result in formal correspondence to NNSA or DOE.



Jessie H. Roberson
Dec 4, 2017

Date

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

FROM: Daniel J. Santos

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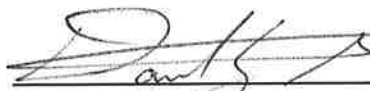
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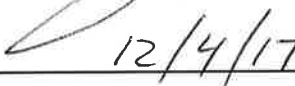
Approved X **Disapproved** **Abstain**

Recusal – Not Participating

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

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Daniel J. Santos


Date

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Joyce L. Connery

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Disapproved

Abstain _____

Recusal - Not Participating _____

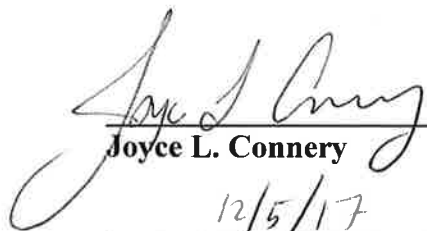
COMMENTS:

Below

Attached _____

None _____

I do not see this as adding substantial benefit and it would increase the administrative burden on the technical staff and distract from mission - essential work.



Joyce L. Connery
12/5/17

Date