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REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION BY A BOARD MEMBER

Requester: <u>Daniel J. Santos</u> June 4, 2018

Brief description of Requested Action:

Board Member Daniel J. Santos is requesting that:

- 1. Board Members approve sending the attached letter to the Secretary of Energy.
- 2. Posting the attached letter on the Board's public website following transmission to the Secretary of Energy.

Attachments (init) <u>1</u> (included clean version of any proposed document or modified document)

Summarize any time sensitive considerations:

Requestor signature <u>signature on file</u> June 4, 2018

Executive secretary ______ signature on file ______ June 4, 2018

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICPATING	COMMENT	DATE			
Bruce Hamilton									
Jessie H. Roberson									
Daniel J. Santos									
Joyce L. Connery									
Final Disposition Summary									
Executive Secretary signature				Click here to enter a date.					

Jessie H. Roberson Daniel J. Santos Joyce L. Connery

Bruce Hamilton, Acting Chairman DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES **SAFETY BOARD**

Washington, DC 20004-2901



June xx, 2018

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

Dear Secretary Perry:

On May 22, 2018, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board issued and made effective Policy Statement-7, Policy Statement on Communication and Disposition of Safety Items. This policy statement establishes how the Board will disposition identified safety items and how these items will be formally communicated to the Department of Energy and other stakeholders. We have enclosed a copy of this policy for your information.

Yours truly,

Bruce Hamilton Acting Chairman

Enclosure

c: Mr. Joe Olencz

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Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

Washington, DC 20004

Policy Statement

PS-7

Date: May 22, 2018

Subject

Policy Statement on communication and disposition of safety items.

Summary

This policy statement establishes aspects of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board communication and disposition of safety items.

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Bruce Hamilton Acting Chairman

I. Background

The mission of the Board Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is 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 (DOE), in providing adequate protection of public health and safety at such defense nuclear facilities. This policy establishes certain aspects of the Board's communication and disposition of safety items to better enable the execution of the Board's functions consistent with its mission.

II. Definitions

Potential Safety Item—anything that may become a safety item.

Safety Item—any type of nuclear safety deficiency (i.e., Safety Observations, Safety issue, or Issue of Adequate Protection).

Safety Issue—a safety item for which the Board requires additional information to assess whether it could challenge adequate protection of public health and safety.

Issue of Adequate Protection—a safety item where the Board recommends corrective actions to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety.

III. Policy

- All potential safety items shall be communicated and made visible to the Board. If a potential safety item involves an immediate hazard in the field, communications to the Board and a DOE representative shall occur concurrently, if possible.
- All potential safety items shall be processed. This process shall support the Board's determination of safety items and shall be limited to the collection and evaluation of information, the development of the technical basis, and the development of a recommended course of action for consideration by the Board. This safety determination by the Board shall be based on the summation of the evidence gathered, independent technical analysis, and sound technical basis.
- The Board determines what constitutes a safety item for the agency.
- Each safety item shall be tracked, communicated to DOE, and dispositioned following a documented and formal process involving the Board. No suggestion (implicitly or explicitly) shall be made for DOE and DOE contractors to take any actions outside this formal process.
- A summary of all safety items, their status, and Board disposition shall be communicated as part of the annual report to Congress for the applicable reporting period.

AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

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The Board, with Board Member(s) Jessie H. Roberson, Daniel J. Santos *approving*, Board Member(s) Joyce L. Connery *disapproving*, Board Member(s) Bruce Hamilton *abstaining*, and Board Member(s) none *not participating*, has voted to approve the above document on June 4, 2018.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING*	COMMENT	DATE
Bruce Hamilton			\boxtimes		\boxtimes	06/04/18
Jessie H. Roberson	\boxtimes					06/04/18
Daniel J. Santos	\boxtimes					06/04/18
Joyce L. Connery		\boxtimes				06/04/18

*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.

Executive Secretary to the Board

Attachments:

- 1. Voting Summary
- 2. Board Member Vote Sheets
- cc: Board Members OGC OGM Records Officer OTD

FROM: **Bruce Hamilton**

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Approved_____ Disapproved_____ Abstain X

Recusal – Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below X Attached None

The value proposition of this proposed correspondence being ambiguous, I defer to the wisdom and preferences of my fellow Board Members.

I therefore abstain.

Bruce Hamilton 4 JUNE 2018

Date

FROM: Jessie Roberson

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Santos to approve sending the attached letter to the Secretary of Energy re PS-7

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Approved

Disapproved_____

Abstain____

Recusal – Not Participating

COMMENTS:

Below____ Attached__

None

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FROM: **Daniel J. Santos**

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Approved X

Disapproved_____

Abstain

Recusal – Not Participating_____

COMMENTS:

Below_____ Attached_____ None_X

Daniel J. Santos

Date

FROM: Joyce Connery

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Santos to approve sending the attached letter to the Secretary of Energy re PS-7

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Approved

Disapproved X

Abstain____

Recusal – Not Participating

COMMENTS:

Below Attached

None_X___

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