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August 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:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board staff conducted a review of the nuclear safety management at the Pantex Plant to assess implementation of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 830. The staff team found that (1) portions of Pantex safety bases are deficient; (2) multiple components of the safety basis process are deficient; and (3) the National Nuclear Security Administration Production Office and the contractor, Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC, have been unable to resolve known safety basis deficiencies.

The Board is currently evaluating the impact to public health and safety of the deficiencies noted and other items identified during the staff review, and has not yet reached any conclusions. The Board notes that DOE and its contractor have initiated actions to address some of the deficiencies. Pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §2286b(d), the Board requests a written response and a briefing from DOE within 45 days to inform the Board regarding the actions taken and progress to date. The Board is providing you the enclosed report for context in responding to this reporting requirement. The Board will consider the additional information provided by DOE in support of any further Board action on this matter as it continues its deliberations.

Yours truly,

Bruce Hamilton Acting Chairman

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c: The Honorable Lisa E. Gordon-Hagerty Mr. Joe Olencz



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Preliminary Safety Inquiry Report

Implementation of 10 CFR Part 830 at the Pantex Plant

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Executive Summary

Why DNFSB did this Inquiry

On 13-Apr-18, the Board approved RFBA 2018-200-013. This RFBA specifies to conduct a preliminary safety inquiry in accordance with 10 CFR Part 1708. The scope of the preliminary safety inquiry is on the "implementation of 10 CFR Part 830 (Nuclear Safety Management) at the Pantex plant."

What the Inquiry Team proposes to the Board

The Board should consider providing correspondence to DOE to include multiple enclosures detailing the spate of recent Pantex potential safety items with a reporting requirement for DOE to brief the Board in 45 days about any plan to correct these deficiencies. The Board may follow this with a closed meeting and hearing designed to better understand NNSA's obstacles, or issue a Recommendation if the progress is unsatisfactory.

June 2018

Implementation of 10 CFR Part 830 at the Pantex Plant

What the Inquiry Team Found:

The inquiry team found that (1) portions of the Pantex safety basis are deficient; (2) multiple components of the safety basis process are deficient; and (3) the NNSA Production Office (NPO) and Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC (CNS) have been unable to resolve known safety basis deficiencies. Evidence that supports these conclusions is summarized below. Given the limited time available for this review and the number of PISAs found, the number of PISAs issued suggests there are systemic safety issues with the Pantex safety basis.

- The safety basis is deficient in meeting 10 CFR § 830.204(b). There are high consequence hazards (1) that are not adequately controlled; (2) that may have controls, but the controls are not clearly linked to the hazards; and (3) with controls that are not sufficiently robust or lack sufficient pedigree to prevent or mitigate the event.
- Multiple components of the safety basis process are deficient. (1) Contrary to the annual update requirements of 10 CFR § 830.202(c), CNS has struggled to annually update the safety basis. (2) In contrast to 10 CFR § 830.203(g), CNS USQ procedures allow three days to correct discrepant as found conditions or implementation/execution errors without stopping operations, notifying DOE, or issuing a PISA. (3) NPO and CNS have a practice of revising existing justification for continued operations (JCO), thereby keeping JCOs open for several years, or until the operations were completed, without having updated the safety basis. (4) CNS's process for completing implementation verification reviews (IVR) does not re-assess procedural controls every three years.
- NPO and CNS have been unable to resolve known safety basis deficiencies. (1) NPO and CNS have been unable to resolve several legacy conditions of approval (COAs) since 2005. (2) CNS has a Documented Safety Analysis Improvement Plan (DSAIP) that lacks sufficient information and resource loading required for the process to be successful, and is already behind schedule. (3) Despite the fact that issues related to falling technician were identified in 2010, the newest version of the DSAIP lists improvement as to be implemented into the safety basis on a date "TBD."

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Acronym List

AB Authorization Basis

ASME American Society of Mechanical Engineers

CNS Consolidated Nuclear Security, LLC

COA Condition of Approval

DA Design Agency

DBA Design Basis Accident
DOE Department of Energy

DSA Documented Safety Analysis
DSAIP DSA Improvement Plan
EOC Extent of Condition
ESD Electrostatic Discharge

ESS Evaluation of the Safety of the Situation

Hazard Analysis Report HAR Hazard Control Evaluation **HCE** High Explosive Violent Reaction **HEVR** Inadvertent Nuclear Detonation IND **IVR** Implementation Verification Review Justification for Continued Operation **JCO** Nuclear Explosive Operating Procedure **NEOP** National Nuclear Security Administration **NNSA**

NPH Natural Phenomenon Hazard
NPO NNSA Production Office
NQA Nuclear Quality Assurance
OTD Office of the Technical Director

PISA Potentially Inadequate Safety Analysis

PPC Production Plant Contractor
PT Production Technician
RFBA Request for Board Action

SAC Specific Administrative Control

SAR Safety Analysis Report

SC Safety Class

SER Safety Evaluation Report SMP Safety Management Program

SRP Standard Review Plan SS Safety Significant

SSC System, Structure, or Component
TSR Technical Safety Requirement
USQ Unreviewed Safety Question

USQD USQ Determination

Y-12 Y-12 National Security Complex

Key Definitions

Condition	of
Approval	

Used to document any changes, conditions, or hazard controls directed by DOE. Editorial issues such as incorrect punctuation and misspelling that do not change the meaning or the technical content of a statement should not be handled through conditions of approval. Conditions of approval should not be used to approve DSAs and TSRs with fundamental flaws. [DOE-STD-1104-2016]

DSA Improvement Plan Plan to improve the Pantex DSA to achieve consistency and simplification as well as to address legacy issues. [DSAIP Revision 1]

Extent of Condition

Generally defined as a generic implication of a failure, malfunction, deficiency, defective item, weakness or problem; i.e., the actual or potential applicability for an event or condition to exist in other activities, project, programs, facilities, or organizations. [EFCOG White Paper: Extent of Condition Evaluations]

Hazard Analysis Report One of two pieces of a DSA defined in the safe harbor methodology. A Hazard Analysis Report is prepared in accordance with DOE-STD-3016-99, Hazards Analysis Reports for Nuclear Explosive Operations, February 1999, or successor document. [10 CFR Part 830]

High Explosive Violent Reaction

A category of weapon response used in hazard analysis that includes reactions from a fast deflagration of the high explosive up and including a detonation of a high explosive. [DOE-NA-STD-3016-2016]

High Order Consequence Hazard scenarios with HEVR or IND consequences that could significantly exceed the evaluation guideline.

Implementation Verification Review Independently confirm (or reconfirm) the proper implementation of new or revised safety basis controls. The re-verification of safety basis controls is an important tool for contractors to ensure that they remain in compliance with the safety basis. Safety basis controls that are susceptible to the effects of the degradation of human knowledge (e.g., procedural controls) typically should be re-verified at least every 3 years, and the controls dependent upon hardware functionality typically should be re-verified at least every 5 years. [DOE G 423.1-1B]

Inadvertent Nuclear Detonation

A category of weapon response used in hazard analysis that includes the unintended energy release (via a nuclear process) from a nuclear explosive during a period of time (on the order of one microsecond), in an amount greater than the energy released by detonating four or more pounds of Trinitrotoluene (TNT). [DOE-NA-STD-3016-2016]

Justification for Continued Operation A JCO is a mechanism by which a contractor may request that DOE review and approve a temporary change to the facility safety basis that would allow the facility to continue operating in view of a specific and unexpected situation, considering the safety significance of the situation and any compensatory measures being applied during this period. A JCO should be temporary and not continue past an annual DSA update unless issued within three months prior to the update. [DOE G 424.1-1B]

Potentially Inadequate Safety Analysis May result from situations that indicate that the safety basis might not be bounding or may be otherwise inadequate; for example, discrepant as-found conditions, operational events, or the discovery of new information. [DOE G 424.1-1B]

Safety Evaluation Report The report prepared by DOE to document (1) the sufficiency of the DSA for a hazard category 1, 2, or 3 DOE nuclear facility; (2) the extent to which a contractor has satisfied the requirements of Subpart B of this part; and (3) the basis for approval by DOE of the safety basis for the facility, including any conditions for approval. [10 CFR Part 830]

Safety Analysis Report One of two pieces of a DSA defined in the safe harbor methodology. A Safety Analysis Report for the nuclear facility that considers generic nuclear explosive operations and is prepared in accordance with DOE-STD-3009, Change No. 1, 2000, or successor document. [10 CFR Part 830]

Unreviewed Safety Question A situation where (1) the probability of the occurrence or the consequences of an accident or the malfunction of equipment important to safety previously evaluated in the DSA could be increased; (2) the possibility of an accident or malfunction of a different type than any evaluated previously in the DSA could be created; (3) a margin of safety could be reduced; or (4) the DSA may not be bounding or may be otherwise inadequate. [10 CFR Part 830]

USQ Determination

When proposed changes to physical characteristics or technical procedures (e.g., operating, test, surveillance, maintenance, and emergency procedures) are evaluated relative to the approved safety basis. [DOE G 424.1-1B]

Inquiry Background

On 13-Apr-18, the Board approved Doc#2018-200-013, RFBA to conduct an investigation. This RFBA consisted of three major pieces:

- Approval to conduct a safety investigation in accordance with 42 U.S.C. §2286a(b)(2) of the implementation of 10 CFR Part 830 (Nuclear Safety Management) at the Pantex plant. The type of safety investigation is a preliminary safety inquiry in accordance with 10 CFR Part 1708;
- Approval of the attached outline of a framework for executing this inquiry; and,
- Approval of commencing this inquiry within 15 business days of approval of this action.

The RFBA contained an attached outline that specified that the scope of the inquiry is on the "implementation of 10 CFR Part 830 (Nuclear Safety Management) at the Pantex plant." In accordance with the RFBA, the inquiry team initially consisted of five total staff. On 23-Apr-18, the Board increased the team size to six staff through approval of Notational Vote Doc#2018-300-043.

The team consists of an Inquiry Chairperson, Board Member Jessie Roberson, who was designated by the Acting Chairman. The inquiry chairperson is responsible to the Board for the conduct of the inquiry. The team members are Farid Bamdad, Eric Fox, Rahsean Jackson, Adam Poloski, and Scott Seprish. The team consists of four members of the Office of the Technical Director, including one senior executive, and one member of the Office of the General Counsel. The staff members were assigned to work on the investigation full-time.

The RFBA specified that two site visits could be used to support the inquiry. The Board specified that several deliverables be developed through the inquiry including:

- Progress briefings to the Board following each site visit.
- Documentation of inquiry process and methods (as an Appendix to the final report)
- Final report to the Board within 45 days of commencing the inquiry.

Inquiry Hypothesis

The following statement was posed by the Board's staff in support of a Board Member visit in February 2018:

Multiple inputs to the safety basis have inadequacies. In each case, Pantex has justified the acceptability by developing and executing an improvement initiative to bring the particular

area to an acceptable level. However, taking all of the inadequacies into account together, the Pantex safety basis is deficient. It is unclear that CNS and NPO have considered the totality of all of the issues holistically. Additionally, there is little to no tangible progress to show for some of the initiatives.

The inquiry team used this statement as a hypothesis for the inquiry. The following section describes three major focus areas that the inquiry team designed to test this hypothesis. This report describes the information obtained by the inquiry team and the inquiry team's assessment of the information for each of the focus areas.

Inquiry Focus Areas

As described below, the preliminary inquiry focused on three areas of implementation of 10 CFR Part 830 at Pantex.

- Focus Area #1—Controls to prevent/mitigate unscreened weapon hazard scenarios. Pantex has a reliance on administrative controls instead of engineered controls to prevent/mitigate unscreened weapon hazard scenarios. The inquiry team reviewed the adequacy of the administrative controls.
- Focus Area #2—Implementation of the USQ process. This is the "control implementation" concern briefed to the Board during the April 2018 resident inspector site status presentation for Pantex. Specifically, the primary issue is the protracted nature of the process at Pantex, with lengthy periods of operational restrictions or continued operations under compensatory measures while PISAs and positive USQs are investigated and eventually resolved.
- Focus Area #3—Maintenance of the DSA. As shown by correspondence between NPO and CNS in recent years, CNS has not always met the requirement to update each component of its DSA (or certify that no update is needed) annually. Calendar year 2018 is being treated as a catch-up year, in which CNS is focusing on correcting past updates that were never submitted to or approved by NPO, along with implementing new quality assurance measures for DSA work.

Inquiry Team Actions

After the approval of Doc#2018-200-013 on 13-Apr-18, the inquiry team began the planning phase. During this time, the inquiry team identified the hypothesis and focus areas for inquiry. The inquiry team also developed 23 charge questions to pursue that align with the focus areas. The inquiry team also developed a strategy of using vertical and horizontal slices to assess the inquiry hypothesis. Details about the process and methods the inquiry team used are provided in Appendix D.

The inquiry team developed a charter to document this approach. The planning phase concluded on 26-Apr-18 with a verbal briefing to the Board.

Next, the inquiry team moved on to the inquiry phase. This began by identifying the documents that the inquiry team needed to review to answer the 23 charge questions. The initial document request was transmitted to the Pantex liaisons on 30-Apr-18. The document request was fulfilled on 15-May-18. A list of the documents reviewed by the inquiry team is provided in Appendix E.

For each focus area, the inquiry team identified several potential gaps and vulnerabilities based on its review of the documents. The inquiry team developed agenda questions for each focus area. A formal agenda was transmitted to the Pantex site liaisons on 21-May-18. Onsite discussions occurred twice with the first on 29-May-18 to 31-May-18 and the second on 12-Jun-18 to 13-Jun-18. The onsite discussions also included walkdowns of bays and cells with observations of nuclear explosive operations. Based on these interactions, there were additional document requests and follow-up questions provided to the Pantex liaisons. Following each onsite discussion, the inquiry team briefed the Board on the inquiry's progress.

The inquiry team took all of the information collected and formulated answers to the charge questions for each focus area. These questions and answers are provided in Appendixes A-C. Potential safety items are described in the beginning of each Appendix. Overall conclusions from the inquiry effort are provided in the following section.

Inquiry Conclusions

The inquiry team found evidence to support the major themes of the inquiry hypothesis. Specifically, the inquiry team concludes that (1) portions of the safety basis are deficient; (2) multiple components of the safety basis process are deficient; and (3) NPO and CNS have been unable to resolve known safety basis deficiencies. Evidence that supports these conclusions is summarized below. Given the limited time available for this review and the number of PISAs found, the number of PISAs issued suggests there are systemic safety issues with the Pantex safety basis.

- The safety basis is deficient in meeting 10 CFR § 830.204(b). There are high consequence hazards (1) that are not adequately controlled; (2) that may have controls, but the controls are not clearly linked to the hazards; and (3) with controls that are not sufficiently robust or lack sufficient pedigree to prevent or mitigate the event. Additional detail is provided in Appendix A.
- Multiple components of the safety basis process are deficient. (1)

Contrary to the annual update requirements of 10 CFR § 830.202(c), CNS has struggled to annually update the safety basis. (2) In contrast to 10 CFR 830.203(g), CNS USQ procedures allow three days to correct a discrepant as found conditions or implementation/execution errors without stopping operations, notifying DOE, or issuing a PISA. (3) NPO and CNS have a practice of revising existing justification for continued operations (JCO), thereby keeping JCOs open for several years, or until the operations were completed, without having updated the safety basis. (4) CNS's process for completing IVRs does not re-assess procedural controls every three years. Additional detail is provided in Appendixes B and C.

• NPO and CNS have been unable to resolve known safety basis deficiencies. (1) NPO and CNS have been unable to resolve several legacy COAs since 2005. (2) CNS has a DSAIP that lacks information and resource loading required for the process to be successful, and is already behind the schedule provided to the inquiry team. (3) Despite the fact that issues related to falling technician were identified in 2010, the newest version of the DSAIP lists improvement as to be implemented into the safety basis on a date "TBD." Additional detail is provided in Appendix C.

A. Appendix—Focus Area #1, Controls to prevent/mitigate unscreened weapon hazard scenarios.

Approach and Summary

The inquiry team's Focus Area #1 examined the W76 and W78 HARs and sought to answer five charge questions from the team's charter (i.e., 1.1 - 1.5 listed below). The inquiry team analyzed the hazard analysis tables in the HARs for events that result in IND or HEVR. For each event that was not screened by the DA, the inquiry team evaluated the adequacy of the safety control set to prevent or mitigate the event.

During this review, the inquiry team identified five potential safety items that resulted in Pantex personnel declaring three PISAs. The inquiry team believes two other PISAs should have been issued. The inquiry team answered three of the five charge questions assigned to this objective in the negative. The overall conclusion is listed below and followed by the potential safety items and charge questions and answers that support this conclusion.

Conclusion

The safety basis is deficient in meeting 10 CFR § 830.204(b). There are high consequence hazards (1) that are not adequately controlled; (2) that may have controls, but the controls are not clearly linked to the hazards; and (3) with controls that are not sufficiently robust or lack sufficient pedigree to prevent or mitigate the event. Given the limited time available to review the HARs and the number of PISAs found, the number of PISAs issued suggests there are systematic safety issues with the Pantex safety basis.

Potential Safety Items

1. SAC for Operators Appling Brakes on Testers—The W76 HAR identifies multiple events with credible IND and HEVR consequences that are prevented by an initial condition. These events require a safety class control. The initial condition is a SMP (i.e., Electrical Equipment Program for Testers) that ensures the design of electrical testers precludes mechanical and electrical insults to the weapon. For example, the Sitewide SAR, Page 18-16, states that testers are "[d]esigned to withstand the forces of a 95th percentile person falling into the tester without the tester tipping or moving the target." However, this analysis appears to rely on the operator engaging a wheel locking device. Therefore, the SMP's design requirements alone will not prevent or mitigate the event. The operator action of engaging the wheel locking device is not protected by a SAC and does not appear to be a critical step in procedures. Additionally, the tester is not credited as a safety class design feature in the hazard analysis tables. The inquiry team concludes the safety control set for these events do not meet DOE requirements. Pantex personnel issued a PISA following the onsite discussions.

- 2. Non-Credited Administrative Controls/Training Used in Place of Safety Class Controls for ESD Hazards—The W76 HAR identifies multiple events with credible IND and HEVR consequences that are prevented by a "Category 2 Equipment Evaluation." These events require safety class controls. The hazard analysis tables contain a note that refers the reader to equipment evaluations for the Overhoff monitor and hose and wrist strap checkers (i.e., EEE-06-0030 and EEE-06-0037, respectively):
 - EEE-06-0030 provides "General Requirements" that prescribe keeping the Overhoff outside 6.5 feet of a nuclear explosive during "Radiation Safety Usage." During "Manufacturing Usage" the Overhoff may make contact with a nuclear explosive via the hose, which is a credited insulator. Pantex personnel explained that during manufacturing usage the PT holds the Overhoff in one hand while guiding the hose to the nuclear explosive with the other hand (within ¼ inch of the nuclear explosive). The NEOP does not include safety requirements, critical steps, warnings, cautions, or general notes that alert the PTs to potential hazards associated with the Overhoff. Pantex personnel believe hazards involving the Overhoff and hose are not credible due to its intended use and PT training.
 - EEE-06-0037 prescribes a 6.5-feet standoff distance for the wrist strap checker from all explosives and nuclear explosives and references P7-2003, (U) Weapon Assembly/Disassembly Operations Requirements, as the implementing procedure. P7-2003 is a general use level procedure that implements the standoff distance requirement for the wrist strap checker via a boxed note. Inquiry team also reviewed NEOPs that are critical use level procedures. The inquiry team found that the NEOPs include a safety requirement to not carry the wrist strap checker to the unit. The PTs are required to be familiar with the NEOP safety requirements, but they are not required to read them prior to performing NEOP steps. The NEOPs also do not specify a specific standoff distance (i.e., 6.5 feet). However, the wrist strap checker is secured to the wall in a bracket. Pantex personnel stated that PTs and calibration technicians are trained to not bring the wrist strap checker within 6.5 feet of a nuclear explosive. Pantex personnel also referenced TABLE-0068, Safety Checklist, which contains additional requirements for maintaining a 6.5 feet standoff distance to a nuclear explosive.

The inquiry team found that Pantex personnel ultimately rely on non-credited administrative controls and PT training to implement safety class controls for HAR events involving the Overhoff and wrist strap checkers. There are no credited safety class controls for these events. The inquiry team believes this situation does not meet DOE requirements. The inquiry team also believes a PISA should have been declared immediately following the onsite discussions.

- 3. Missing Safety Class Controls for PT Tripping Hazards—The W78 HAR contemplates multiple events involving a PT tripping and impacting the unit in various configurations. This event results in the need for safety class controls since IND and HEVR are not screened by the DA. The hazard analysis table does not identify controls specific to these events. Instead, the hazard analysis tables refer the reader to a section (3.4.2.4) of the HAR dedicated to evaluating impact hazards¹. Section 3.4.2.4 lists applicable controls for this hazard. After reviewing the list of controls, the most applicable control appears to be a safety significant SAC (i.e., W78 Process – Tripping Hazards). This SAC requires PTs to check for tripping hazards once per shift. The Inquiry team traced this requirement to NEOPs. The NEOPs do contain critical steps in their setups that require signature for ensuring tripping hazards have been removed. However, since this SAC is the only control that can directly prevent the event (i.e., PT trip), it is inadequate as a safety class preventative control. As a result, the inquiry team concludes the events involving a PT trip are uncontrolled. Pantex personnel agreed that they do not have adequate controls in place for tripping events identified in the HAR. However, they stated that this is a known deficiency and a JCO would be implemented in the near term that contains additional controls. Pantex procedures would require them to enter the PISA process and implement operational restrictions prior to issuing a JCO. Pantex personnel are not following their own procedures. The inquiry team concludes this situation does not meet DOE requirements and a PISA should have been declared immediately following the onsite discussions.
- 4. Analysis Supporting Adequacy of Safety Class Carts not Bounding—The W78 HAR contemplates hazards involving toppling of a preparation cart while carrying various items. The weight of the cart and items on top of it are assumed to impact a weapon configuration. This event results in the need for safety class controls since IND and HEVR are not screened by the DA. The event's preventative control is the design of the preparation cart.

¹ The W78 HAR and parts of the W76 HAR do not clearly link events in the hazard analysis tables to the applicable controls. Instead, they refer the reader to a section of the HAR that addresses that generic type of hazard (e.g., drop hazards).

The preparation cart is credited to "...withstand the forces imparted by a 95th percentile PT as well as the forces due to a PC-3 seismic event without toppling into the unit." However, the weight of the items on the cart in the HAR event exceeds the weight assumed in the supporting engineering analysis. Therefore, the calculation does not adequately demonstrate the preparation cart is capable of fulfilling its safety requirements. Pantex personnel issued a PISA following the onsite discussions.

- 5. Missing Safety Class Controls for Impact and ESD Events—The W76 HAR identifies rolling impact and ESD events involving a weapon configuration that represents a general bin of 16 separate configurations. The rolling impact is caused from PTs pushing "freestanding equipment" into the 16 different weapon configurations. Freestanding equipment is defined as equipment or tooling not attached to the facility and not hand carried. The rolling impact events require safety class controls since IND and HEVR are not screened by the DA. The ESD events are postulated from PTs being in contact with freestanding equipment or the wrist strap checker. The ESD events require safety significant controls for tritium or mechanical releases and worker safety since they are also not screened by the DA. The preventative control for the rolling impact and ESD events is a SAC (i.e., W76 Operations – Control of Equipment and Tooling). Amongst other requirements, this SAC prohibits freestanding equipment not required by the W76 process to be placed within 6 feet of any W76 configuration installed in the assembly stand, insertion cart, or assembly carts. Designating this SAC for these events as a preventative control results in several errors:
 - Not all freestanding equipment that could cause a rolling impact or ESD event (e.g., a tool box) to the weapon configurations is included in the SAC. Therefore, this freestanding equipment excluded from the SAC represents an uncontrolled hazard.
 - The ESD event involving a wrist strap checker credits the SAC as a preventative control. The SAC does not include the wrist strap checker in the list of included equipment. Therefore, the wrist strap checker may need to be added to the SAC. As previously explained, the NEOPs do include a safety requirement for PTs to not bring the wrist strap checker near the weapon. However, this requirement does not flow down from this SAC.
 - The SAC states that the 6-foot exclusion zone applies to W76

configurations installed in the assembly stand, insertion cart, or assembly carts. Although the majority of the 16 weapon configurations are processed in an assembly cart, the components that make up these configurations are processed on a bench or table. The SAC does not apply to operations on a bench or table.

• Some tools included in the list of freestanding equipment do not have wheels. Therefore, it does not make sense to include these pieces of equipment in events for rolling impacts.

Pantex personnel issued a PISA following receipt of the inquiry team's onsite agenda. This PISA documents the errors explained above. New or revised credited controls will be required.

6. Drop Hazards— The W78 HAR contemplates several drop events involving a shielded apron or various pieces of equipment, tooling, or materials impacting weapon configurations from a height of two or four feet. These events result in the need for safety class controls since high order consequences are not screened by the DA. A SAC (i.e., W78 Process – Hand Lifts) is one of the credited controls to prevent this event. This SAC flows down to safety requirements at the beginning of NEOPs. The SAC states:

With the training to the technicians on not lifting hand tools, tooling, and materials over the unit unless required for the process and to only lift the object as high as required for the operation, both the frequency of a drop that would impact the unit is reduced, and the possible impact energy is reduced if a drop were to occur....Based on the height of the unit being worked on, there would be no reason to lift the hand tooling 2 feet over the unit and it would be an unnatural act to do so.

Although not explicitly stated in the SAC, the NEOPs also cite a specific safety requirement for the shielded aprons to be relocated to staging cubicles or corridor out of direct line of sight of the cell when not in use. However, contrary to MNL-293084, *Pantex Writer's Manual for Technical Procedures*, the NEOPs do not provide critical steps or warnings when handling the specific equipment or materials, that when dropped, could initiate a high order consequence. The inquiry team discussed the shielded apron and six different individual pieces of equipment considered in the HAR with Pantex personnel. Pantex personnel stated that the PTs are sufficiently trained to not lift items more than 2 feet over the weapon.

However, given the high consequences, the SAC would be

strengthened by adding additional specificity (e.g., lifting height limits over the weapon). In addition, consistent with MNL-293084, the NEOPs should include critical steps or warnings when handling specific equipment or materials that could initiate a high order consequence when dropped. The inquiry team believes investigating the PT training program and observing additional operations may be justified to understand whether these events are sufficiently controlled. [1.1] Did the PPC No. The vast majority of hazards identified in the HAR do have controls that are implemented and maintained as part of the facility, apply controls that are implemented equipment or specific operation. However, the inquiry team found and maintained as multiple credible scenarios that are uncontrolled. The inquiry team also part of the facility, identified an example where the designated control was inadequate to prevent or mitigate the event. equipment or specific operation? [1.2] Are the No. The vast majority of hazards identified in the HAR do have selected controls controls designated as safety class or safety significant consistent with designated as DOE requirements. However, the inquiry team identified multiple Safety Class or credible hazards scenarios that are uncontrolled. Safety Significant according to DOE-STD-3009, and are the effectiveness of these controls evaluated in the accident analysis? Yes. Pantex has weapon responses for all credible hazards listed in the [1.3] Did the PPC request weapon HARs. For HAR events that do not have an evaluated weapon response response from the from the DA, the HAR assigns a probability of one. DA(s) for all scenarios where the hazards are not screened, an anticipated weapon response is not assumed, or a weapon response has not already been provided?

[1.4] When the
hazard scenarios,
(1) are not
screened for IND
or HEVR
consequences, or
(2) for which
weapon responses
are assumed, are
the hazard
scenarios
designated as
DBAs and retained
for consideration in
the accident
analysis section per
DOE-STD-3009?

Yes. All hazard scenarios that are not screened by the DA are carried forward to the accident analysis.

initiating event probability information used to dismiss the need to apply controls for plausible accident scenarios resulting in IND or HEVR?

No. The majority of the hazards identified in the HAR that are not screened by the DA have assigned controls. However, the inquiry team identified situations where Pantex personnel dismissed an event based on a probability argument. For example, Pantex personnel consider an ESD event involving the Overhoff and hose to be incredible. The unit is carried to the weapon but Pantex personnel stated that the Overhoff is controlled by the PT and will not contact the weapon. As a result, Pantex personnel consider the event incredible. Therefore, Pantex personnel essentially utilize a probability argument to dismiss this event.

B. Appendix—Focus Area #2, Implementation of USQ process.		
Approach and	The inquiry team's Focus Area #2 examined the USQ processes used at	
Summary	Pantex and sought to answer the 11 charge questions from the team's	
•	charter (i.e., $2.1 - 2.11$). During this review, the inquiry team identified	
	two potential safety items. The inquiry team also answered 3 of the 11	
	charge questions assigned to this objective in the negative. Overall	
	conclusions are presented below and are followed by the potential	
	safety items and answers to the charge questions.	
Conclusions	(1) In contrast to 10 CFR 830.203(g), CNS USQ procedures allow three	
	days to correct a discrepant as found conditions or	
	implementation/execution errors without stopping operations, notifying	
	DOE, or issuing a PISA. (2) CNS and NPO have a practice of revising	
	existing JCOs instead of issuing new ones. Examples include PX-JCO-	
	17-02 for W80 and PX-JCO-14-05 for B61.	
Potential Safety	1. Process for Discrepant-as-found Conditions—The site USQ	
I otemiai Sajety Items	procedure, approved by NPO, does not comply with the	
nems	requirements of 10 CFR 830 or the associated DOE Guide 424.1-	
	•	
	1B, Implementation Guide for Use in Addressing Unreviewed Safety	
	Question Requirements. In situations when a "discrepant as-found	
	condition" is observed for a TSR-related control, Pantex procedure	
	allows returning the system to the original condition as described in	
	the DSA within 3 days without having to declare a PISA, notifying	
	DOE, performing an extent of condition review, or implementing	
	any compensatory measures. Extent of condition reviews have the	
	benefit of potentially finding related deficiencies in similar SSCs.	
	2. Long term JCOs— DOE Guide 424.1-1B describes temporal scope	
	of a JCO. A JCO should have a predefined, limited life, and not	
	continue past a required annual DSA update. At Pantex, some JCOs	
	last for several years, or until the operations were completed,	
	without updating the relevant Safety Basis document; relying on	
	compensatory measures for an extended duration when more	
.91	rigorous controls (i.e., engineered design feature) could be the	
	appropriate long-term solution (e.g., PX-JCO-17-02 for W80 and	
	PX-JCO-14-05 for B61). The combination of several open JCOs on	
V2	an out-of-date safety basis can lead to further configuration	
	management issues.	

[2.1] Does the USQ procedure state that the contractor will update USQD documents and reports and submit to DOE annually a summary description of all USQDs performed?	Yes. Section 12 of the USQ procedure (i.e., CD-3014, <i>Pantex Plant Unreviewed Safety Question Procedure</i>), states: "The contractor shall also submit an annual summary description to DOE/NPO of all USQDs performed since the prior submission of the DSA."
[2.2] Is the USQ	Yes. There are several high-level CNS documents that implement the
procedure and its	USQ requirements of 10 CFR Part 830, including the Contract, Contract
integration into the facility change control process described by a governing policy?	Manual 25.45.43, and the Integrated Safety Management protocols.
[2.3] Does the USQ	Yes. The CD-3014 procedure describes in detail the site processes for
procedure include a	USQ, PISA, ESS, and JCO. There are additional contractor forms and
detailed USQ	work instructions that assist the users in following procedure CD-3014.
process	
description?	V 0 1 51 00D 0014
[2.4] Does the USQ	Yes. Section 5.1 of CD-3014 requires the contractor to "take action, as
procedure mandate	appropriate, to place or maintain the facility in a safe condition" in
that no operational	situations identified to be a PISA and submit "the evaluation of the
restrictions can be relaxed prior to	safety of the situation to NPO prior to removing any operational
review by DOE?	restrictions initiated."
[2.5] Does the USQ	No. The Pantex USQ procedure contains an exclusionary period clause
procedure require	that is not allowed by 10 CFR Part 830 or the DOE Guide 424.1-1B,
that all Potentially	Implementation Guide for Use in Addressing Unreviewed Safety
Inadequate Safety	Question Requirements. For its implementation in situations when a
Analysis issues are	"discrepant as-found condition" is observed for a TSR-related control,
subject to USQ	the procedure allows returning the system to the original condition as
screening?	described in the DSA within 3 days without having to declare a PISA,
	notifying DOE, performing an EOC review, or implementing any
	compensatory measures. The recent draft revision to CD-3014 extends
	this period to 30 days, however, this draft revision has not been
	approved by NPO.

[2.6] Is DOE sufficiently involved in the USQD process to ensure that the adequacy of protection and safety classifications of equipment is justified by safety basis documents?	Yes. Based on review of numerous USQ/JCO documentations, the inquiry team observed that NPO prepares safety evaluation reports for the safety basis change packages submitted for DOE approval for the issued USQs and JCOs.
[2.7] Does the USQ procedure indicate that formal training and qualification program will be established for all site personnel involved in the USQ process?	Yes. Section 11 of CD-3014, Personnel Qualification and Training, describes detailed requirements for education, experience, and training of the contractor's USQ screeners, evaluators, and independent reviewers.
[2.8] Are the necessary educational background, knowledge of facility and DOE requirements, and familiarity with the facility safety basis clearly defined for site personnel involved in the USQ process?	Unclear. NPO representatives stated that procedure 3.1.1.3 describes the required training and qualification of the NPO reviewers involved in safety basis related documents, however, when the inquiry team requested a copy it was not provided as of the date of this report.
[2.9] Does the USQ procedure indicate that the list of people certified for USQD processes will be kept current?	Yes. Based on site conversations, there is a list of individuals with the required qualification that is kept current.

[2.10] Is DOE kept
current with
respect to all
phases of USQ
resolution,
including
notification of
discoveries, review
of USQDs, and
review of corrective
actions?

No. In situations when a "discrepant as-found condition" is observed for a TSR-related control, the procedure allows returning the system to the original condition as described in the DSA within 3 days without having to declare a PISA. This action by the contractor removes DOE/NPO from being notified that a PISA exists; and circumvents the process established by the DOE Guide 424.1-1B to perform an extent of condition review, or the need for implementing any compensatory measures during the 3-day period. The latest draft revision to CD-3014 extends this period to 30 days, during which DOE/NPO is not formally informed. While the procedure allows operational restrictions to be put in place, CNS and NPO personnel indicated that in practice they stop work and notify DOE. However, this practice is not required in the procedures.

[2.11] Is there any indication in the contractor's USQ procedures that JCOs will be closed in a timely matter within a year of approval? Is there evidence that JCOs have been closed within a year of their approval?

No. Many JCOs have been open for several years, or until the operations were completed without having updated the relevant safety basis documents. Example JCOs include:

- PX-JCO-17-02, Justification for Continued Operations for W80 Legacy Dismantlement Process, and
- PX-JCO-14-05, Justification for Continued Operations for B61 ESD.

C Appendix Fo	cus Area #3, Maintenance of the DSAs.
Approach and Summary	The inquiry team's Focus Area #3 investigated maintenance of the DSAs and sought to answer the seven charge questions from the team's charter (i.e., $3.1-3.7$). During this review, the inquiry team identified three potential safety items. The inquiry team also answered four of the 7 charge questions assigned to this objective negatively. The overall conclusion is listed below and followed by the potential safety items, and answers to the charge questions that support this conclusion.
Conclusion	In maintaining the DSA, the contractor has struggled to complete the yearly updates required by 10 CFR Part 830. While the contractor has a schedule to complete the updates and a plan to address other deficiencies in the DSA, the plan is not well developed and is already behind schedule for a number of items. In addition, several legacy COAs have remained unresolved since 2005, and the current DSAIP does not provide a pathway for resolution. Finally, Pantex's self-assessment approach has gaps in reverification of some TSR controls. More detail is provided in the below charge questions and answers.
Potential Safety Items	 Annual Updates—Contrary to the annual update requirements of 10 CFR § 830.202(c), CNS has struggled to annually update the safety basis HAR and SARs. Implementation Verification Reviews—CNS's process for
	completing IVRs re-assess procedural controls every five years. DOE Guide 423.1-1B, <i>Implementation Guide for Use in Developing Technical Safety Requirements</i> , specifies that IVRs should be conducted every 3 years for controls susceptible to the degradation of human knowledge (e.g., procedural controls).
	3. <i>Resolution of Known Issues</i> —NNSA and the contractor have been unable to resolve known safety basis deficiencies.
5	 NNSA and the contractor have been unable to resolve several legacy COAs from 2005.
	• The current revision of the DSAIP lacks information and resource loading required for the process to be successful, and is already behind schedule.
	 Despite the fact that issues related to falling technician were identified in 2010, the current version of the DSAIP lists improvement as to be implemented into the safety basis on a date "TBD".

[3.1] Does the contractor have an established performance record of producing high quality safety basis documents (e.g., limited DOE rejections of DSAs/TSRs, no significant outstanding DOE/DNFSB Assessment findings or issues, and limited SER Conditions of Approval)?

No. Until recently, the contractor had an established performance record of producing high quality safety basis documents with limited rejections from NPO. However, in 2017, there was a marked drop-off in the number of safety basis submittals approved by NPO via five "no action" letters. In addition, while previous years had close to no comments, there were roughly a hundred NPO comments supplied in 2017. During conversations with CNS officials, they indicated that there was significant turnover in CNS safety analysts. CNS has struggled to fill positions with experienced personnel. CNS plans to augment the vacant positions with support from Y-12 safety analysts.

In addition, the contractor still has five outstanding COAs issued in 2005 from previous SERs. CNS officials indicated that resolution of these COAs will occur through implementation of the DSAIP. This is discussed in more detail in question 3.2.

Lastly, NPO's SERs have not been meeting the following expectation from DOE-Standard-1104-2016, *Review and Approval of Nuclear Facility Safety Basis and Safety Design Basis Documents*: "Conditions of approval from prior SERs should be reviewed during reviews of updates to the safety basis documents. Such conditions of approval should be closed or an explanation provided in the SER as to why they remain open."

[3.2] Does the contractor have a process for tracking conditions of approval to closure (including any required compensatory measures), verifying satisfactory closure of the condition of approval, notifying DOE when a Condition of Approval has been satisfied, and managing any conditions of approval until they

are closed?

Yes. NPO officials stated that they have a database called ePegasus for tracking COAs to conclusion. The inquiry team performed a cursory review of this database and found that it is being used as described by the procedures. NPO also indicated that every COA now has a closure deadline and they meet routinely with CNS personnel to discuss the status of any outstanding COAs. On the contractor side, CNS has a spreadsheet that they use to track COAs independently of NPO.

Over several iterations of the DSAIP, the contractor has committed to working down a category of "legacy" COAs that existed prior to the standing up NPO. Originally there were 40 COAs in this category and five currently remain open. The current iteration of the DSAIP includes a task to develop a metrics for tracking progress in resolving the remaining five COAs. This is targeted to be completed in FY18. Closure activities for the five COAs are currently not identified in the schedule.

[3.3] Does the
contractor have
established
processes and
procedures for
verifying safety
basis
implementation
following initial
approval or
updates to DSAs
and TSRs?

Yes. The inquiry team reviewed the contractor's procedures, eSTARs entries, and IVR shared folder. Based on this review, the inquiry team believes that the contractor has an adequate procedure for verifying safety basis implementation and is following the procedure.

[3.4] Is there a documented record (such as for the last 5 years) that the contractor has routinely met the annual DSA update requirements and that these documents have been reviewed and approved by DOE?

No. Starting in 2015, the Sitewide SAR was submitted by the contractor and was not approved by NPO. In 2016, the contractor was unable to meet the annual DSA update requirements for four SARs and HARs, including the Sitewide, Transportation, W76, and W78. As the contractor's submissions were rejected a backlog developed and eventually the contractor stopped submitting them altogether. This process culminated in three rejected submissions and five approvals total in 2017. Overall, this resulted in 11 of 16 SARs and HARs not being approved for annual updates in 2017. In particular, the Sitewide SAR has not been successfully updated since 2014.

In lieu of completing the 2017 annual updates, the contractor submitted, and NPO approved, a schedule to "rework" three previously submitted annual updates and catch up on the remainder with calendar year 2018 annual updates. If the contractor successfully executes on its plan to submit and obtain approval of a full slate of 2018 annual updates, it will be back on course to meeting the DSA maintenance requirements.

In addition, CNS officials indicated that one reason for the initial rejections was overly complicated annual updates that encompassed many changes to the safety basis. In the future, CNS wants to handle these changes via separate change packages and only include minor changes in the annual updates. They asserted that this would allow them to have adequate time to respond to NPO comments while being able to meet the annual update requirements in Part 830.

[3.5] Are there requirements in the contractor's USQ process for establishing JCOs?

Yes. CD-3014, *Pantex Plant Unreviewed Safety Question Procedure*, includes a process for establishing a JCO. That procedure includes required content for the JCO and specifies that a JCO is a "temporary (i.e., less than one year)" authorization to operate outside of the NPO approved safety basis. The inquiry team's review of the USQ/HCE application indicates that the process for establishing JCOs is being followed and documented.

[3.6] Has the DSA Improvement Plan been implemented? If not implemented, has it been revised or abandoned?

No. The contractor is currently implementing the DSAIP as revised. The contractor asserts that there has been steady progress on a number of items contained in the most recent update to the DSAIP. Of the three items scheduled for completion in 2017, the contractor has completed two. Of the 17 items scheduled for completion in 2018, the contractor has completed about three.

In addition, the DSAIP itself lacks detail. The plan is only a list of titles of activities with a year targeted for completion. There is not any detail of the scope and objectives for each task, nor the resources required for completion. While the contractor asserted that they understand the items listed and the tasks involved, the inquiry team cannot independently verify that the task list is achievable and on-track to meet the schedule for 2018.

[3.7] Is there evidence that safety basis assessments are performed, corrective actions identified and closed, and extent of condition and effectiveness reviews conducted as necessary?

No. The contractor has processes and procedures for performing management assessments and IVRs. There is evidence that management assessments are performed on a five-year schedule, i.e., 20% a year. While a few management assessments have been missed, the inquiry team review indicates that the contractor is generally holding to that schedule.

However, the contractor only performs IVRs when there is a new TSR control or a substantial change to an existing TSR control. DOE Guide 423.1-1B, *Implementation Guide for Use in Developing Technical Safety Requirements*, specifies that IVRs should be conducted every 3 years for controls susceptible to the degradation to human knowledge (e.g., procedural controls). DOE Guide 423.1-1B also specifies that controls dependent on hardware functionality should be re-verified at least every five years. The contractor is not meeting the three-year guidance for specific administrative controls.

Furthermore, regarding management assessments, the *Documented Safety Analysis Improvement Plan Review and Recommendations* noted that a 2016 assessment of TSR violations found that the control owner assessments associated with TSR violations did not identify any improvements or weaknesses in implementation. In addition, some assessments consisted only of a paper review with no interviews of operators or field observations of the controls. The inquiry team's review of the management assessments shows a continued trend of no findings from 2016 to present.

Finally, the contractor's policies and procedures do not include an appropriate methodology for determining sample sizes for an assessment. Previously, the contractor relied on MIL-SPEC-1916, Department of Defense Test Method Standard - DOD Preferred Methods for Acceptance of Product. That standard is not appropriate

for nuclear facilities per ASME-NQA-1, *Quality Assurance*Requirements for Nuclear Facility Applications. The contractor agrees with this assessment, and is developing an alternative methodology.

The time frame for completion of an alternative methodology is not determined.

D. Appendix—Inquiry Process and Methods

Process

In 2015, the Chief of Nuclear Safety issued a set of Standard Review Plans for Office of Environmental Management facilities. The SRPs were designed to strengthen line management oversight and federal monitoring of defense nuclear facilities. The SRP describes how the DOE nuclear safety management regulation (10 CFR Part 830) establishes requirements related to management systems and processes that are needed to ensure quality and safety are integrated into nuclear facility life cycle, which include facility design, construction, commissioning, operations, transitions, decommissioning, and environmental restoration. Safety basis requirements are addressed in Subpart B of the regulation. Safety basis is defined as the "the documented safety analysis and hazard controls that provide reasonable assurance that a DOE nuclear facility can be operated safely in a manner that adequately protects workers, the public and the environment."

The SRP further states that the outputs of the safety basis process form a type of "license" by which DOE authorizes the contractor to conduct nuclear operations and includes the DSA, TSR, SER and contractor USQ process. Figure A-1 shows how these elements of DOE's safety basis interact.

The SRP for Nuclear Safety Basis Program Reviews, consists of five volumes. It provides information to help strengthen the technical rigor of line management oversight and federal monitoring of DOE nuclear facilities. It provides a primer on the safety basis development and documentation process used by the DOE. It also provides a set of questions for the review of safety basis programs and documents of nuclear facilities at various stages of the facility life cycle. Based on the inquiry focus areas, the following three volumes were applicable:

- Volume 1 Overview and Management Oversight
- Volume 3 Nuclear Safety Basis Program Review During Facility Operations and Transitions
- Volume 5 Nuclear Safety Basis Program Review of TSRs, USOs and SERs

Because NNSA has additional standards for nuclear explosive operations, the inquiry team also derived a set of questions tied to requirements in DOE-NA-Standard-3016-2016, *Hazard Analysis Reports for Nuclear Explosive Operations*.

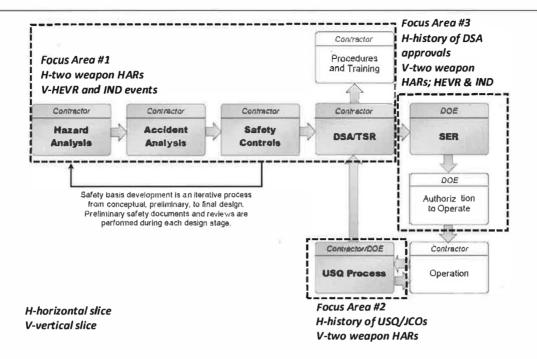


Figure D-1. Inquiry Focus areas Mapped onto the Elements of the Safety Basis.

Methods

From this set of charge questions, the inquiry team down-selected to a short-list of charge questions for further evaluation, this down selection process considered the known information at the inception of the safety inquiry. This includes information from the following sources:

- Site Reports from Resident Inspectors
- Staff Reports from OTD Reviews
- Information from Board Member Visits

We further used this information to select approaches for "horizontal" and "vertical" slices for each inquiry focus area. Horizontal slices are designed to achieve a broad perspective across the safety basis elements. Whereas, vertical slices are designed to achieve a detailed perspective at specific requirements and situations. Figure D-1 shows a mapping of the selected charge questions onto the elements of the safety basis. The figure also shows the horizontal and vertical slices for each focus area.

Development of Lines of Inquiry Tables D-1 to D-3 show a summary of the inquiry focus area and the horizontal and vertical slices. These tables also show the specific down selected charge questions for each of the safety basis elements. Lastly, these tables show potential source documents to answer the charge question. Note that some of these charge questions were tailored for the Pantex Inquiry from the initial SRP source documents. These documents were used to develop a preliminary document request list. This document list will be the starting point to develop a formal

	information request to DOE on documents not currently available for the team to review.
Conduct of Site Interactions	The inquiry team's interactions with the Pantex site took the form of formal document requests via the site liaison, questions and discussions at the site focused on each charge question, tours of bays and cells to observe operations, and viewings of information systems for tracking and assessments.
Records	A complete copy of all documents relied upon to complete this report is held by the Office of General Counsel.

Table D-1. Initial charge questions associated with Focus Area #1, Controls to prevent/mitigate unscreened weapon hazard scenarios.

Horizontal Slice: Focus on the contents of two HARs.

Vertical Slice: The events of concern are those with significant hazards to the public: IND, and HEVR.

#	Hazard Evaluation and Analysis Charge Questions	Documents Reviewed
[1.1]	Did the PPC apply controls that are implemented and maintained as part of the facility, equipment or specific operation?	
[1.2]	Are the selected controls designated as Safety Class or Safety Significant according to DOE-STD-3009, and are the effectiveness of these controls evaluated in the accident analysis?	W76 & W78 HARs
[1.3]	Did the PPC request weapon response from the DA(s) for all scenarios where the hazards are not screened, an anticipated weapon response is not assumed, or a weapon response has not already been provided?	
#	Accident Selection and Analysis Charge Questions	Documents Reviewed
[1.4]	When the hazard scenarios, (1) are not screened for IND or HEVR consequences, or (2) for which weapon responses are assumed, are the hazard scenarios designated as Design Basis Accidents (DBAs) and retained for consideration in the accident analysis section per DOE-STD-3009?	W76 & W78 HARs
[1.5]	Are only NPH initiating event probability information used to dismiss the need to apply controls for plausible accident scenarios resulting in IND or HEVR?	

Table D-2. Initial Lines of Inquiry associated with Focus Area #2, Implementation of Unreviewed Safety Question process.

Horizontal Slice: Survey of USQ/JCO history over the past 5-years.

Vertical Slice: Assessment of Specific USQ/JCO documentation associated with W76 & W78 programs.

#	USQ Charge Questions	Documents Reviewed	
[2.1]	Does the USQ procedure state that the contractor will update USQD documents and reports and submit to DOE annually a summary description of all USQDs performed?	e n	
[2.2]	Is the USQ procedure and its integration into the facility change control process described by a governing policy?		
[2.3]	Does the USQ procedure include a detailed USQ process description?		
[2.4]	Does the USQ procedure mandate that no operational restrictions can be relaxed prior to review by DOE?	USQ Procedures	
[2.5]	Does the USQ procedure require that all Potentially Inadequate Safety Analysis issues are subject to USQ screening?		
[2.6]	Is DOE sufficiently involved in the USQD process to ensure that the adequacy of protection and safety classifications of equipment is justified by safety basis documents?		
[2.7]	Does the USQ procedure indicate that formal training and qualification program will be established for all site personnel involved in the USQ process?		
[2.8]	Are the necessary educational background, knowledge of facility and DOE requirements, and familiarity with the facility safety basis clearly defined for site personnel involved in the USQ process?		
[2.9]	Does the USQ procedure indicate that the list of people certified for USQD processes will be kept current?		
[2.10]	Is DOE kept current with respect to all phases of USQ resolution, including notification of discoveries, review of USQDs, and review of corrective actions?	USQ history for past 5-years	
#	Safety Basis Implementation and Maintenance	Documents Reviewed	
[2.11]	Is there any indication in the contractor's USQ procedures that JCOs will be closed in a timely matter within a year of approval? Is there evidence that JCOs have been closed within a year of their approval?	JCO closure history for past 5-years	

Table D-3. Initial Lines of Inquiry associated with Focus Area #3, Maintenance of the DSA.

Horizontal Slice: Survey of NNSA DSA approval documentation (e.g., SERs and COAs) over last 5-year period.

Vertical Slice: Assessment of: (1) Annual DSA update scope, (2) IVRs, and (3) Contractor Self-Assessments, that have USQ/JCO topics associated with W76 & W78 programs.

#	Safety Basis Development	Documents Reviewed	
[3.1]	Does the contractor have an established performance record of producing high quality safety basis documents (e.g., limited DOE rejections of DSAs/TSRs, no significant outstanding DOE/DNFSB Assessment findings or issues, and limited SER Conditions of Approval)?	NPO approval documents SERs COAs	
[3.2]	Does the contractor have a process for tracking conditions of approval to closure (including any required compensatory measures), verifying satisfactory closure of the condition of approval, notifying DOE when a Condition of Approval has been satisfied, and managing any conditions of approval until they are closed?	COA procedures from contractor	
#	Safety Basis Implementation and Maintenance	Documents Reviewed	
[3.3]	Does the contractor have established processes and procedures for verifying safety basis implementation following initial approval or updates to DSAs and TSRs?	IVR procedures, IVR shared drive, ESTARS database	
[3.4]	Is there a documented record (such as for the last 5 years) that the contractor has routinely met the annual DSA update requirements and that these documents have been reviewed and approved by DOE?	5-year history of annual updates	
[3.5]	Are there requirements in the contractor's USQ process for establishing JCOs?	USQ procedure, USQ/HCE Application	
[3.6]	Has the DSA Improvement Plan been implemented as proposed, revised or abandoned?	DSAIP Revisions over last 5- years	
#	Self-Assessment	Documents Reviewed	
[3.7]	Is there evidence that safety basis assessments are performed, corrective actions identified and closed, and extent of condition and effectiveness reviews conducted as necessary?	AB self-assessment procedures, findings, reports	

E. Appendix—Documents Reviewed

Focus Area #1 Documents

Topic	Filename of Document Reviewed (without .pdf, or .docx, or other extension)
Procedures	MNL-293084, Pantex Writer's Manual for Technical Procedures PX-3169, Facility Structures, Systems, and Components Work Authorization Permit
	WI 02.06.03.03.02, Authorize Work In - On Facility And Facility
	Systems and Components for Operations, Maintenance, and
	Subcontractor Activities
	N76-501738-MD4
	000-2-0836x3-anl
	N78-422069-DIS2
H ' H 1 0 ' '	N78-422305-DIS2
Hoist Hook Continuity	TP-MN-05416 Hoist Hook Continutity Test_ DF.5N.ISI.1
D' D	Hoist Hook Continuity Latest WO
Fire Penetration Seals	2012-PTX-LL-0304 Assumptions Used as a Technical Basis Must Be
	Validated _ 3-14-2012
	2014-PTX-LL-0702 _ Understand How to Manage Unknown Conditions and Risk 7-17-14
	AB-15-28 15-1523761 Submittal of AB-15-28
	389633
	396442
	ESS-13-3261-1
	PIESummary RID4004
Falling Technician	Letter from CNS to NPO, May 10, 2018
	CB 588.65
	fallin man awareness small
	fallin_man_awareness_small_
	ST 375.76
	ST 588.64 Briefing
	ST 588
Wrist Strap Checker	WO 0029833162, Wrist strap checker
	Wrist Strap Checker Calibration SDS
	EEE-06-0037
	P7-2003
Records for Qualified	AB-15-28-R1_18-1797870_ Submittal of AB-15-28-R1
SAE Staff	ABA III -
	USQE -
	USQR -
	USQS -
	ENG-13-TSR-63

Table 68	AB-16-16_17-1702513_Submittal of AB-16-16 295,479 7_Table-0068
HAR	1_SRD_W76 HAR_Rev_71 FB.SRD_W78_Rev_62
	1 SRD W78 HAR Rev 63
Overhoff	P7-0804
PISA Regarding	HASBD
Weapon Response	PIE
Discrepancies	USQD
Tool Shelf	2630
	4864
PIE Summaries	RID 21506 - Reference item 9 from agenda
	RID 21540 - Reference item 7 from agenda
	RID 21586 - Reference item 16 and 17 from agenda

Focus Area #2 Documents

Topic	Filename of Document Reviewed (without .pdf, .docx, or other extension)
USQ Processes	1-PX-2630-UNC-1, Unreviewed Safety Question Determination Form
	(UNC PART I)
	CD-3014, Pantex Plant Unreviewed Safety Questions Procedure
	DESKAID-0751, Process for Declaring and Notifying a PISA or
	PUSQ Exists
	PX-2630-UCN-3, Unreviewed Safety Question Determination Form (UNC PART III)
	PX-2630-UNC-2, Unreviewed Safety Question Determination (UNC
	PART II)
	PX-4633 Problem Identification and Evaluation Processing Form
	PX-4864E-UCNI, Review of Hazards Analysis and Safety Basis
	Documents
	PX-5993, Potentially Inadequate Safety Analysis or Positive Unreviewed Safety Question Notification Form
	PX-6199_Evaluation and Disposition of Immature New Information SB-MIS-940579 Rev 7 SB-MIS-940579, Documented Safety
	Analysis Change Control Supporting the USQ Process
	WI 02.03.11.1.08, Processing Problem Identification and Evaluation
	Relative to Safety Basis
	CDNS Information
	Letter from NPO to CNS, Approval of CD-3014, Issue 19, dated May
	30, 2018
USQ Determinations	Notification of Delay in Resolution of PUSQ, May 10, 2018
,	ESS-17-3434 USQD-17-3434-A
	AB-16-01_17-1664513_Submittal of AB-16-01

IGO	AD 10.00 0 AD 10.00 D1 COD NDO 10 NGC 0.0010 770000
JCOs	AB-18-08 & AB-18-08-R1_COR-NPO-10 NSE-2.2.2018-778820
	PX-JCO-18-05_Rev_1_W78 Cut and Cap
	PX-JCO-14-03_Rev_3
	PX-JCO-14-04 Rev 5
	PX-JCO-14-05 Rev 5
	PX-JCO-15-01 Rev 2
	PX-JCO-15-03 Rev 4
	PX-JCO-15-05_Rev_2
	PX-JCO-15-06_Rev 1
	PX-JCO-15-07_Rev_2
	PX-JCO-17-01_Rev_1_Building12-86FireDamperFinalCC1
	PX-JCO-17-02_Rev 1 (with SB-TSD-942099)
	PX-JCO-17-03 Rev 1
	PX-JCO-17-05 Rev 1
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	Processes
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	Inadequate Safety Analysis Processes
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	Program Implementation
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AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Santos to Approve Sending the Attached Letter re 10 CFR Part 830 to the Secretary of Energy

Doc Control#2018-100-056

The Board, with Board Member(s) Jessie H. Roberson, Daniel J. Santos *approving*, Board Member(s) Bruce Hamilton, Joyce L. Connery *disapproving*, Board Member(s) none *abstaining*, and Board Member(s) none *not participating*, has voted to disapprove the above document on August 3, 2018.

The votes were recorded as:

155	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING*	COMMENT	DATE
Bruce Hamilton		\boxtimes			\boxtimes	08/01/18
Jessie H. Roberson	\boxtimes				\boxtimes	08/03/18
Daniel J. Santos	\boxtimes					07/31/18
Joyce L. Connery		\boxtimes			\boxtimes	07/31/18

^{*}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

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM:	Bruce Hamilton
SUBJECT:	RFBA by Board Member Santos to Approve Sending the Attached Letter re 10 CFR Part 830 to the Secretary of Energy
Doc Control#	2018-100-056
Approved	_ Disapproved_X_ Abstain
Recusal - No	t Participating
COMMENTS	S: Below_X_ Attached None
the Pantex Pla safety question RFBA contend	ff's Preliminary Safety Inquiry Report of Implementation of 10 CFR Part 830 at ant noted that NNSA and the Pantex contractor initiated responsive actions to some as raised by the inquiry team even before the preliminary inquiry concluded. This ds that the status of those actions is important to the Board's deliberation on what further action the Board might take.
	ry Safety Inquiry Report alone, however, provides the Board with sufficient determine whether or not to recommend action to the Secretary. Should the
	nend action, and the Secretary subsequently determine that corrective action has

Delaying a decision to recommend action in order to determine, through a written report and a DOE briefing to the Board, if mitigating action is underway or completed adds unnecessary delay time to the communication exchange. Further, 42 U.S.C. § 2286b(d) should not be used as a mechanism to convey either an explicit or an implied mandate for the Secretary to carry out an activity. This proposed communication runs the risk of incorrectly sending that message.

already been initiated or completed, the Secretary can simply say so in his response.

I therefore disapprove.

1 AUGUST 2018

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM:	Jessie Roberson			
SUBJECT:	RFBA by Board Member Santos to Approve Sending the Attached Letter ro 10 CFR Part 830 to the Secretary of Energy			
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Approved	X Disapproved	Abstain		
Recusal – No	t Participating			
COMMENT	S: Below_X_ Attached	* None		

The Report attached to the Board's letter includes the documented conclusions, methods, and approach utilized to review 10CFR Part 830 implementation at the Pantex Plant. The Report is responsive to the Board's direction in substance and content. I believe it is important to engage NNSA so that the Board may be provided any updated information on actions they have taken and progress made since the staff's field work was completed as an input to evaluating any further Board action.

Joseph Roberson

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

Daniel J. Santos			
RFBA by Board Member Santos to Approve Sending the Attached Letter re 10 CFR Part 830 to the Secretary of Energy			
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t Participating			
S: Below Attached	d None_X		
	RFBA by Board Member San 10 CFR Part 830 to the Secre #2018-100-056 Disapproved		

Daniel J. Santos 7/31/18

Date

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Joyce Connery

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Santos to Approve Sending the Attached Letter re

10 CFR Part 830 to the Secretary of Energy

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Approved	Disapproved_X	Abstain
Recusal – Not Par	ticipating	
COMMENTS:	Below_X Attached	None

I disapprove of the action for several reasons. (1.) It is out of our procedure to send documents to the Secretary that have not had the benefit of Board review. Even other RFBAs that resulted in correspondence were socialized with other Board Members for input, this was not. (2.) The document that is attached is not characterized as a Board document nor a staff document (it is in fact, a hybrid as it is the product of an inquiry led by a Board Member, performed by the staff) but the letter refers to a "staff team" and not an inquiry with an Investigatory Chair—had I had the opportunity to edit the document, I would have proposed clarifications to the language. (3.) The document itself is input that the Inquiry team used to produce a product for the Board's consideration and was introduced to the Board as such. I don't consider it a final Board product, even though I agree with the conclusions. I believe it is a bad precedent to send over documents that have not gone through a process by which the Presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed Board Members can review and propose changes based on each of their experiences and expert opinions. While hastily reading this document with the staff before it was in its final form, I found several places that needed to be edited or clarified to which the staff responded and made changes, but I am not confident that my quick review found all such passages. Such an important document deserves more thoughtful deliberation prior to transmittal to the Secretary of Energy. We do not honor our safety oversight mission or our commitment to transparency by hastily transmitting unfinished documents to the Secretary. The goal of this letter -- imposition of the reporting requirement - could have been accomplished in a more thoughtful and direct way than to prematurely transmit the enclosure.

Joyce Connery

Date