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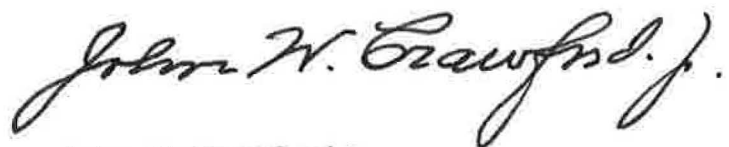
Honorable Bruce Hamilton
Acting Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
Washington DC 20004-2901

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Your letter of September 17 2018 states that the Board plans to hold additional hearings to receive input from the public and stakeholders with respect to DOE Order 140.1

The questions I'm prepared to ask at the hearing are attached.

Yours truly



John W. Crawford Jr.

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cc: Board Members
Mb. of Congress (as appropriate)

QUESTIONS TO DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

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- 1- *The Board's letter of September 17 2018 states that the Board's primary concerns are contained in its enclosure. They are in four categories as follows: Exemptions, Public Health and Safety, Determinations of Access, and Deliberative information. All appear to be capable of being resolved so as to be consistent with the Board's enabling legislation. Is it not, however, important that the Board does NOT consider lack of technical expertise within DOE as a matter of primary concern?*

- 2- *The agenda for Session 1 has as a goal: "Gather information on DNFSB interface and access to information facilities, and personnel managed by the Department of Energy (DOE) office of Environmental Management. Does this mean that the latter has line management responsibility in DOE Headquarters for efforts of the line in building, operating and maintaining defense nuclear facilities? If so, does this not violate a fundamental principle of safety; namely, that responsibility for safety can only be met by those responsible for doing the work involved. Others may help, but this does not lessen the responsibility of line management of safety.*

- 3- *The Board's enabling legislation requires it to "raise the level of technical expertise in DOE substantially." Has the Board issued formal Recommendations to DOE that this be done? With what results?*