

APPENDIX 4

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION BY A BOARD MEMBER

Requester: _____ Board Member Roberson _____ April 29, 2020

Brief description of Requested Action:

Request for Board Action by Board Member Roberson to send ECA Response.

Attachments (init) _1_

Summarize any time sensitive considerations:

Requestor signature _____ On File _____ April 29, 2020

Assistant Executive secretary ___ On File _____ April 29, 2020

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING	COMMENT	DATE
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"/>	_____
Joyce L. Connery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
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Final Disposition Summary

Executive Secretary signature _____ April 29, 2020

Bruce Hamilton, Chairman
Jessie H. Roberson
Joyce L. Connery

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES
SAFETY BOARD**

Washington, DC 20004-2901



Mr. Ron Woody
Chair, Energy Communities Alliance
1625 Eye Street, NW
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Dear Chairman Woody,

Thank you for your April 23, 2020 letter regarding Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Recommendation 2020-1, Nuclear Safety Requirements. The Board appreciates your insights and welcomes the opportunity to provide an overview briefing and answer questions to better clarify the basis and content of the Recommendation.

As you are aware, the DNFSB had scheduled a Public Hearing at the Savannah River Site to discuss Recommendation 2019-2, Safety of the Savannah River Tritium Facilities. As that Hearing has been postponed, we would be happy to include a briefing and answer questions on Recommendation 2019-2 at the same time.

Please coordinate with our Manager of Board Operations Tara Tadlock at 202-694-7176 or tarat@dnfsb.gov to arrange a convenient time for this forum.

Yours truly,

Bruce Hamilton
Chairman

AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Roberson to send ECA Response Letter

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The Board acted on the above document on 04/30/2020. The document was Approved.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING	COMMENT	DATE
Bruce Hamilton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	04/30/2020
Jessie H. Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	04/30/2020
Joyce L. Connery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	04/30/2020

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Board Members.

Nicholas Moore

Executive Secretary to the Board

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Board Member Vote Sheets

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Bruce Hamilton

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Roberson to send ECA Response Letter

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DATE: 04/30/2020

VOTE: Disapproved

COMMENTS:

This correspondence, if approved by the Board, would obligate the Agency to provide briefings to a public interest group for their general education on several complex technical topics.

Public interest groups have long been a part of the DNFSB's network. The Board consistently allows them to participate in the public comment portion of hearings, to provide their points of view through correspondence, and to visit in person with Board Members and members of the staff. The Atomic Energy Act (as Amended), the Code of Federal Regulations, and the Government in the Sunshine Act all mandate the Board to be open to the public in its operations where such openness does not compromise national security information.

That said, the mission of the Board, as specified in the Atomic Energy Act contains neither an explicit nor an implicit mandate to the Board's that its mission includes educating the public. The Board's mission is closely circumscribed by law: "... 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."

Consequently, using staff resources, even though marginal in this instance, to educate a public interest group on complex technical Recommendations made to the Secretary is outside the Board's mission and is thus an inappropriate use of public resources. Likewise, providing educational services to a public interest group sets a precedent that the Board would be well-served to avoid.

I therefore disapprove.

Bruce Hamilton

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Jessie H. Roberson

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Roberson to send ECA Response Letter

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DATE: 04/30/2020

VOTE: Approved

Member voted by email.

COMMENTS:

None

Jessie H. Roberson

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NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Joyce L. Connery

SUBJECT: RFBA by Board Member Roberson to send ECA Response Letter

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DATE: 04/30/2020

VOTE: Approved

COMMENTS:

None

Joyce L. Connery