

## APPENDIX 4

### REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION BY A BOARD MEMBER

Requester: \_\_\_\_Joyce L. Connery\_\_\_\_\_ October 7, 2021

#### **Brief description of Requested Action:**

Approve sending attached letter to the Secretary of Energy responding to DOE's acceptance of Recommendation 2020-1.

Attachments (init) \_1\_

Summarize any time sensitive considerations:

Requestor signature \_\_\_\_\_ On File\_\_\_\_\_ October 7, 2021

Assistant Executive secretary \_\_\_\_\_ On File\_\_\_\_\_ October 7, 2021

Joyce L. Connery, Chair  
Thomas A. Summers, Vice Chair  
Jessie H. Roberson

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES  
SAFETY BOARD**

Washington, DC 20004-2901



The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm  
Secretary of Energy  
US Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Granholm:

Thank you for your letter of September 8, 2021, providing the Department of Energy's (DOE) final decision on the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) Recommendation 2020-1, *Nuclear Safety Requirements*. The Board acknowledges DOE's acceptance of the recommendation, though it notes that some DOE responses do not fully embrace actions recommended by the Board. The Board shares DOE's view regarding the benefits of constructive staff-level interactions and looks forward to working with DOE and its staff to close any gaps in developing an implementation plan that addresses the Board's sub-recommendations.

Updating DOE's nuclear safety regulatory framework will be a challenging undertaking, but one the Board believes will, as you wrote, "ensure the continued safe, effective, and efficient execution of DOE's mission." The Board believes periodic update briefings from DOE during development of the implementation plan would be mutually beneficial to ensure progress towards the shared goal of improving DOE's regulatory framework as outlined in the Board's recommendation.

The Board looks forward to meeting with you in the near future to discuss this and other nuclear safety items. Our point of contact for scheduling is Tara Tadlock, Associate Director for Board Operations, who can be reached at 202-694-7176.

Sincerely,

Joyce L. Connery  
Chair

c: Mr. Joe Olencz

**AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** RFBA by Chair Connery to Approve Letter to the Secretary Responding to DOEs Acceptance of Recommendation 2020-1

**Doc Control#:** 2022-100-0002

The Board acted on the above document on 10/14/2021. The document was Approved.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING	COMMENT	DATE
Joyce L. Connery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10/13/2021
Thomas Summers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10/13/2021
Jessie H. Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10/13/2021

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

*Shelby Qualls*

Executive Secretary to the Board

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Board Member Vote Sheets

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**

**NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

**FROM:** Joyce L. Connery

**SUBJECT:** RFBA by Chair Connery to Approve Letter to the Secretary Responding to DOE's Acceptance of Recommendation 2020-1

**Doc Control#:** 2022-100-0002

**DATE:** 10/13/2021

**VOTE:** Approved

**COMMENTS:**

None

*Joyce L. Connery*

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**

**NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

**FROM:** Thomas Summers

**SUBJECT:** RFBA by Chair Connery to Approve Letter to the Secretary Responding to DOE's Acceptance of Recommendation 2020-1

**Doc Control#:** 2022-100-0002

**DATE:** 10/13/2021

**VOTE:** Approved

**COMMENTS:**

None

*Thomas Summers*

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**

**NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

**FROM:** Jessie H. Roberson

**SUBJECT:** RFBA by Chair Connery to Approve Letter to the Secretary Responding to DOE's Acceptance of Recommendation 2020-1

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**DATE:** 10/13/2021

**VOTE:** Approved

**Member voted by email.**

**COMMENTS:**

None

*Jessie H. Roberson*