

APPENDIX 4

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION BY A BOARD MEMBER**

Requester: Sullivan October 4, 2016

Brief description of Requested Action: Immediately impose the following limitation on the technical staff:

No DNFSB staff planned activity will include a review of toxicological consequences or compliance with toxicological standards unless the agenda for the review is first approved by the Board. If the DNFSB staff believe toxicological consequences or compliance with toxicological standards is appropriate for review, the staff shall submit the proposed agenda in Orange Folder along with an explanation of the impact on nuclear safety that could be caused by a potential adverse toxicological condition. This limitation applies only to planned activities such as DNFSB staff reviews. It does not prevent DNFSB staff members from making preliminary inquiries of DOE/NNSA staff or contractor staff as may be necessary for the DNFSB staff to determine whether a toxicological condition could impact nuclear safety, so long as the work anticipated by the DOE/NNSA staff or contractor staff in responding to the preliminary inquiry is reasonably expected to be nominal.

Attachments (init) none (included clean version of any proposed document or modified document)

Summarize any time sensitive considerations: The technical staff does have some reviews planned in the near term that will be impacted. See the Technical Director's emails of 9/29/16 and 10/3/16.

Requestor signature  October 4, 2016

Executive secretary  October 4, 2016

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	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICPATING	COMMENT	DATE
Joyce L. Connery	<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"/>	_____
Sean Sullivan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Daniel J. Santos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Bruce Hamilton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Final Disposition Summary						

Executive Secretary signature \_\_\_\_\_ Click here to enter a date.

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**AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD**

**SUBJECT: Request for Board Action by Board Member Sean Sullivan to Limit DNFSB  
Staff Planned Activity re Toxicological Consequences or Compliance**

**Doc Control#2017-300-002**

The Board, with Board Member(s) Sean Sullivan, Bruce Hamilton *approving*, Board Member(s) Joyce L. Connery, Jessie H. Roberson, Daniel J. Santos *disapproving*, Board Member(s) none *abstaining*, and Board Member(s) none *recusing*, have voted to disapprove the above document on October 18, 2016.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING*	COMMENT	DATE
Joyce L. Connery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/17/16
Jessie H. Roberson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10/13/16
Sean Sullivan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10/13/16
Daniel J. Santos	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10/18/16
Bruce Hamilton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	10/13/16

\*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.

  
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Executive Secretary to the Board

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Board Member Vote Sheets

cc: Board Members  
OGC  
OGM Records Officer  
OTD

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**

**NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

**FROM:** Joyce L. Connery

**SUBJECT:** Request for Board Action by Board Member Sean Sullivan to Limit DNFSB  
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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved  \_\_\_\_\_

Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Recusal – Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**

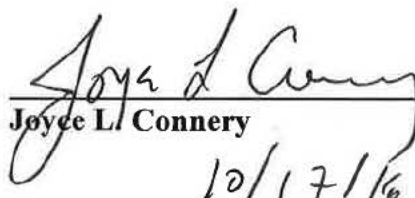
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Attached \_\_\_\_\_

None \_\_\_\_\_

This RFBA is another attempt to re-litigate an issue that the Board has spoken about several times before. I believe that the staff and their leadership are well aware that it is incumbent upon them to ensure that the focus of any review they conduct relates back to the radiological health and safety mission of the agency, and I have confidence in the staff leadership to focus on that mission. I have not seen any justification that Board direction on this issue is needed. As in the past, I disapprove.

Further, I have heard from staff that the continued efforts to curtail the staff's latitude in pursuing safety issues has created a chilled environment. This is a concerning trend.

  
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Joyce L. Connery  
10/17/16  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**  
**NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**


**FROM:** Jessie H. Roberson

**SUBJECT:** Request for Board Action by Board Member Sean Sullivan to Limit DNFSB  
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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Recusal – Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:** Below \_\_\_\_\_ Attached \_\_\_\_\_ None ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

  
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Jessie H. Roberson  
Oct 13, 2016  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**  
**NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

**FROM:** Sean Sullivan

**SUBJECT:** Request for Board Action by Board Member Sean Sullivan to Limit DNFSB  
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Approved X                      Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_                      Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Recusal – Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS:      Below \_\_\_\_\_      Attached \_\_\_\_\_      None X



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Sean Sullivan

10/13/16  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Shelby Qualls**

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**From:** Daniel J. Santos  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2016 11:08 AM  
**To:** Shelby Qualls; Lotus Smith  
**Subject:** RE: Notational Vote: Doc#2017-300-002, Request for Board Action by Board Member Sean Sullivan to Limit DNFSB Staff Planned Activity re Toxicological Consequences or Compliance - BLUE FOLDER

Disapproved with the following comment:

I originally supported a similar request to improve the flow of technical information in a timely manner to support my reviews on strategic direction and priorities. Upon further consideration and impact assessment, I conclude that I can obtain the same technical information via normal processes. I encourage the staff to continue to improve current processes to provide timely flow of technical information accessible to the Board and to improve the formality and completeness of the technical documentation following staff technical reviews.

**From:** Shelby Qualls  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2016 10:30 AM  
**To:** Mark Welch <[REDACTED]>; James Biggins <[REDACTED]>; Neysa Slater-Chandler <[REDACTED]>; Steven Stokes <[REDACTED]>; Katherine Herrera <[REDACTED]>; Bruce Hamilton <[REDACTED]>; Daniel J. Santos <[REDACTED]>; Jessie Roberson <[REDACTED]>; Joyce Connery <[REDACTED]>; Sean Sullivan <[REDACTED]>  
**Cc:** Lotus Smith <[REDACTED]>; Nora Khalil <[REDACTED]>; Shelby Qualls <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Notational Vote: Doc#2017-300-002, Request for Board Action by Board Member Sean Sullivan to Limit DNFSB Staff Planned Activity re Toxicological Consequences or Compliance - BLUE FOLDER

This email is an electronic record of Notational Vote. Voting ballot will follow shortly. Also, accepting electronic votes.

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD  
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

**FROM:** Members of the Board  
**SUBJECT:** Notational Vote Doc#2017-300-002, Request for Board Action by Board Member Sean Sullivan to Limit DNFSB Staff Planned Activity re Toxicological Consequences or Compliance

**DOC# 2017-300-002**

Office Directors have provided their input.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_  
Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
Recusal – Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS:**  
Below \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**  
**NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

**FROM:** Bruce Hamilton

**SUBJECT:** Request for Board Action by Board Member Sean Sullivan to Limit DNFSB  
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Approved  Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

Recusal – Not Participating \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: Below \_\_\_\_\_ Attached \_\_\_\_\_ None

  
Bruce Hamilton

13 OCT 2016  
Date