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DNFSB Announces Loss of a Quorum and Leadership Transition

Washington, DC— The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) announced that, effective January 31, 2025, the Board no longer has a quorum following the retirement of Chair Joyce Connery. As required under 42 U.S.C. § 2286(e)(3), the Board has formally notified Congress of this development.

With Ms. Connery's retirement, Vice Chairman Thomas Summers will assume the role of Acting Chairman, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2286(c)(4).

The DNFSB will continue its critical mission of protecting public health and safety at the nation's defense nuclear facilities while awaiting the appointment of additional Board Members.