No FEAR Act Notice FY24



Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Annual Notice Regarding the Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act

(No FEAR Act Notice)

The "Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002," known as the "No FEAR Act," requires federal agencies like the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) to "be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws." Congress passed the No FEAR Act because it found that "agencies cannot be run effectively if those agencies practice or tolerate discrimination." Pub. L. 107-74, Title I, General Provisions, § 101(1).

The No FEAR Act requires federal agencies to provide this notice to federal employees, former employees, and applicants for employment. This notice is intended to inform you of the rights and protections available to you under federal antidiscrimination, civil service, whistleblower protection, and anti-retaliation laws.

Antidiscrimination Laws

A federal agency cannot discriminate or tolerate harassment against any employee or applicant for employment based on race, skin color, religion, sex¹, pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, reprisal, marital status, parental status, political affiliation, military service, protected equal employment opportunity (EEO) activity, whistleblower activity, or any other non-merit factor.

Discrimination on these bases is prohibited by federal statutes and executive orders. See 5 U.S.C. § 2302(b; 29 U.S.C. § 206(d); 29 U.S.C. § 633a; 29 U.S.C. § 791; 38 U.S.C. §§ 4301-35; 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-16; 42 U.S.C. § 2000ff et seq.; 42 U.S.C § 2000gg et seq.); Executive Order (EO) 11478; EO 13145; and EO 13152.

If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, skin color, religion, sex, pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, national origin, age, disability or reprisal, you must contact an EEO counselor within 45 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action, or, in the case of a personnel action, within 45 calendar days of the effective date of the action, before you can file a formal complaint of discrimination with your agency. A description of DNFSB's policies and procedures for filing an EEO complaint can be found on the DNSFB intranet or by contacting the EEO manager.

¹ For the purpose of this report, 'sex' is interpreted consistent with applicable federal law and binding legal precedent.

If you believe that you have been the victim of unlawful discrimination based on age, you must either contact an EEO counselor, as noted above, or give notice of intent to sue to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) within 180 calendar days of the alleged discriminatory action. If you are alleging discrimination based on marital status or political affiliation, you may file a written complaint with the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC). If you are alleging discrimination based on military service, you may request assistance from the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) at the Department of Labor (DOL), the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), or OSC, depending on the circumstances.

Whistleblower Protection Laws

A federal employee with authority to take, direct others to take, recommend, or approve any personnel action must not use that authority to take or fail to take, or threaten to take or fail to take, a personnel action against an employee or applicant because of disclosure of information by that individual that is reasonably believed to evidence violations of law, rule or regulation; gross mismanagement; gross waste of funds; an abuse of authority; or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, unless disclosure of such information is specifically required by executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or the conduct of foreign affairs.

Retaliation against an employee or applicant for making a protected disclosure is prohibited by 5 U.S.C. § 2302(b)(8). If you believe that you have been the victim of whistleblower retaliation, you may file a written complaint (Form OSC-14) with OSC at 1730 M Street NW, Suite 218, Washington, DC 20036-4505 or online through the OSC Web site: http://www.osc.gov.

Retaliation for Engaging in Protected Activity

A federal agency cannot retaliate against an employee or applicant because those individuals exercise their rights under any federal antidiscrimination or whistleblower protection laws listed above. If you believe that you are the victim of retaliation for engaging in protected activity, you must follow, as appropriate, the procedures described in the antidiscrimination laws and whistleblower protection laws.

Disciplinary Actions

Under the existing laws, each agency retains the right, where appropriate, to discipline a federal employee for conduct that is inconsistent with federal antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws, up to and including removal from federal service. If OSC has initiated an investigation under 5 U.S.C. § 1214, however, according to 5 U.S.C. § 1214(f), agencies must seek approval from OSC to discipline employees for, among other activities, engaging in prohibited retaliation. Nothing in the No FEAR Act alters existing laws or permits an agency to take unfounded disciplinary action against a federal employee or to violate the procedural rights of a federal employee who has been accused of discrimination.

However, under the Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017, an agency must propose certain disciplinary actions against supervisors who have engaged in certain specified

acts of whistleblower retaliation or other forms of retaliation and prohibited personnel practices under civil service laws.

Additional Information

For further information regarding the No FEAR Act regulations, refer to 5 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 724. You can find additional information regarding federal antidiscrimination, whistleblower protection, and retaliation laws on the EEOC website at http://www.eeoc.gov, on the OSC website at http://www.osc.gov, on the MSPB website at http://www.mspb.gov, or on the VETS website at https://www.dol.gov/vets.

Existing Rights Unchanged

Pursuant to section 205 of the No FEAR Act, neither the act nor this notice creates, expands, or reduces any rights otherwise available to any employee, former employee, or applicant under the laws of the United States, including the provisions of law specified in 5 U.S.C. § 2302(d).

I fully support the principles of the No FEAR Act, and I am committed to providing a workplace environment that is free from discrimination. It is DNFSB's policy to prohibit employment discrimination and interference or retaliation when protected disclosures are made.

The Civil Rights Director, along with agency leadership, will ensure proper implementation of the No FEAR Act's mandatory requirements. I expect all offices to offer their full support to ensure compliance with the requirements of the No FEAR Act. You may obtain further information regarding the No FEAR Act by contacting the Civil Rights Director for assistance.

For questions or concerns, contact the Civil Rights Director of the DNFSB office of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO), at 202-826-9671 or <u>eeoInfo@dnfsbgov</u>.

EEO Data Posted Pursuant to Title III of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Pub. L. 107-174

Complaint Activity					
		Comp	parative Da	ta	
	F		2024 thru 09- 30		
	1 ST	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 [™] QTR	
	QTR				
Number of Complaints Filed	0	1	1	1	3
Number of Complainants	0	1	2	3	3
Repeat Filers	0	0	0	0	0

Complaint by Basis					
		Com	parative D	ata	
	Fis	scal Year 🛛	Data	-	
Race	0	1	1	1	3
Color	0	0	0	1	1
Religion	0	0	0	0	0
Reprisal	0	1	0	1	2
Sex	0	1	1	0	2
PDA	0	0	0	0	0
National Origin	0	0	0	0	0
Equal Pay Act	0	0	0	0	0
Age	0	0	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0	0	0
Genetics	0	0	0	0	0
		Com	parative D	ata	
Complaints by Issue					
	Fis	cal Year I	Data		
Noto: Complaints can be					
Note: Complaints can be					
filed alleging multiple bases. The sum of the					
		- ND	e PD		
bases may not equal total	1 ST QTR	2 ND	3 RD	4 TH QTR	2024 thru
complaints filed.	-	QTR	QTR		09-30
Appointment/Hire	0	0	0	0	0
Assignment of Duties	0	0	0	0	0
Awards	0	0	0	0	0
Conversion to Full			0		
Time/Perm Status	0	0	0	0	0

Disciplinary Action					
Demotion	0	0	0	0	0
Reprimand	0	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0	0
Removal	0	0	0	0	0
Other (Admin Leave)	0	0	0	0	0
Duty Hours	0	0	0	0	0
Perf. Evaluation/Appraisal	0	0	0	0	0
Examination/Test	0	0	0	0	0
	Harass	ment		•	
Non-Sexual	0	1	1	1	3
Sexual	0	0	0	0	0
Medical Examination	0	0	0	0	0
Pay including overtime	0	0	0	0	0
Promotion/Non-Selection	0	0	0	0	0
	Reassig	nment			·
Denied	0	0	0	0	0
Directed	0	0	0	0	0
Reasonable Accommodation Disability	0	0	0	0	0
Reinstatement	0	0	0	0	0
Religious Accommodation	0	0	0	0	0
Retirement	0	0	0	0	0
Sex-Stereotyping	0	0	0	0	0
Telework	0	0	0	0	0
Termination	0	0	0	0	0
Terms/Conditions of Employment	0	0	0	0	0
Time and Attendance	0	0	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0	0	0
	Oth	er	•		
User Defined – HWE	0	1	1	1	3
User Defined - Other 2	0	0	0	0	0
User Defined - Other 3	0	0	0	0	0
User Defined - Other 4	0	0	0	0	0

		Com	parative Da	ta	
	F	iscal Year D	Data		
Processing Time	1 ST QTR	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 [™] QTR	2024 thru 09- 30
Complaints pending during fiscal ye	ar		·		·
Average number of days in investigation	0	0	0	92	92
Average number of days in final action	0	0	0	0	0
Complaint pending	during fiscal ye	ar where h	earing was	requested	
Average number of days in investigation	0	0	0	0	0
Average number of days in final action	0	0	0	0	0
Complaint pending d	uring fiscal yea	where hea	aring was no	ot requeste	d
Average number of days in investigation	0	0	0	92	92
Average number of days in final action	0	0	0	0	0

	Comparative Data									
Complaints Dismissed by Agency	F									
	1 st QTR	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 [™] QTR	2024 thru 09- 30					
Total Complaints Dismissed by Agency	0	0	0	1	1					
Average days pending prior to dismissal	0	0	0	115	115					
Compl	aints Withdrav	vn by Comp	lainants	•						
Total Complaints Withdrawn by Complainants	0	0	0	0	0					

		Comparative Data												
Total Final Agency Actions Finding Discrimination			1 st	QTR	2 ND QTR 3			QTR	4 TH	QTR		:hru 09 [.] 30		
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Total Number Findings			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Without Hearing			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
With Hearing			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Findings of Discrimination		Comparative Data											
Rendered by Basis					Fiscal	Year Data					2024 t	hru 03-	
Note: Complaints can be filed alleging multiple bases.			1 st	QTR	2	ND QTR	3 RD	QTR	4 [™]	QTR	3	81	
The sum of the bases may													
not equal total complaints and findings.	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Total Number Findings			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Race			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Color			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Religion			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Reprisal			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sex			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
PDA			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
National Origin			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Equal Pay Act			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Age			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Disability			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Genetics			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Non-EEO			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Findings After Hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Race	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Color	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Reprisal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Sex	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
PDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
National Origin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Equal Pay Act	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Age	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Genetics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Non-EEO	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Findings Without Hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Race	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Color	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0
Religion	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Reprisal	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Sex	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
PDA	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
National Origin	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Equal Pay Act	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Age	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Genetics	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Non-EEO	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0

						Comparative	e Data							
Findings of Discrimination Rendered by Issue					Fisca	Year Data								
		1 ST QTR 2 ND QTR 3 RD QTR 4 TH QTR 202 30 30 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30												
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%		
Total Number Findings			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Appointment/Hire			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Assignment of Duties			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Awards			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Conversion to Full Time/Perm Status			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

		Disc	iplinary Ac	tion						
Demotion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reprimand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Removal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duty Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perf. Evaluation/ Appraisal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Examination/Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Harassment												
Non-Sexual		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sexual		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Medical Examination		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Pay including overtime		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Promotion/Non-Selection		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

				Reassig	nmen	t						
Denied			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Directed			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reasonable Accommodation												
Disability			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reinstatement			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religious Accommodation			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retirement			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex-Stereotyping			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Telework			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Termination			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Terms/Conditions of Employment			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Time and Attendance			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other - User Define												
User Defined - Other 1		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
User Defined - Other 2		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
User Defined - Other 3		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
User Defined - Other 4		0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Findings After Hearing		0	0	0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appointment/Hire		0	0	0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assignment of Duties		0	0	0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Awards		0	0	0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conversion to Full Time/Perm Status		0	0	C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Disci	plinary Ac	tion						
Demotion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reprimand	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Removal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duty Hours	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perf. Eval./ Appraisal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Examination/Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Harassment											
Non-Sexual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sexual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Medical Examination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Pay including overtime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Promotion/Non-Selection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

	Reassignment												
Denied		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Directed		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Reasonable Accommodation													
Disability		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Reinstatement		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Religious Accommodation		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Retirement		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sex-Stereotyping		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Telework		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Termination		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Terms/Conditions of Employment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Time and Attendance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Oth	er - User I	Define		Other - User Define											
User Defined - Other 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
User Defined - Other 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
User Defined - Other 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
User Defined - Other 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							

Findings Without Hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Appointment/Hire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assignment of Duties	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Awards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conversion to Full Time/Perm Status	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

	Disciplinary Action												
Demotion	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Reprimand	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Suspension	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Removal	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Duty Hours	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Perf. Eval./ Appraisal	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Examination/Test	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

		F	larassmer	nt		Harassment												
Non-Sexual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Sexual	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Medical Examination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Pay including overtime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Promotion/Non-Selection	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								

		Re	eassignme	nt						
Denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Directed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reasonable Accommodation										
Disability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reinstatement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Religious Accommodation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retirement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sex-Stereotyping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Telework	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Termination	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Terms/Conditions of Employment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Time and Attendance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Oth	er - User l	Define						
User Defined - Other 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
User Defined - Other 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
User Defined - Other 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
User Defined - Other 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

		Com	parative Da	ta	
Pending Complaints Filed in Fiscal Year by Status	F	iscal Year D	ata		
	1 st QTR	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 [™] QTR	2024 thru 09- 30
Total complaints from Fiscal Year	0	1	1	1	3
Total Complainants	0	1	1	1	3

Ν	Number complaints pending										
Investigation	0	0	0	1	1						
ROI issued, pending Complainant's action	0	0	0	0	0						
Hearing	0	0	0	0	0						
Final Agency Action	0	0	0	0	0						
Appeal with EEOC Office of Federal Operations	0	0	0	0	0						

	Comparative Data					
	Fiscal Year Data					
Complaint Investigations		1 st QTR	2 ND QTR	3 RD QTR	4 [™] QTR	2024 thru 09-30
Pending Complaints Where Investigations Exceed Required Time Frames		0	0	0	0	0