REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION BY A BOARD MEMBER

Requester: Daniel J. Santos December 21, 2016

Brief description of Requested Action: Request Board approval of the following:

1. Task the Office of the Technical Director with support of the Office of General Manager and the Office of General Counsel to plan, coordinate, and conduct a one day hearing during the week of March 20, 2017 on the subject of risk reduction at the Plutonium Facility at Los Alamos National Laboratory. Discussions should include risk associated with current and planned plutonium inventory levels, actions taken by DOE to address opportunities identified by the Board to minimize Material-at-Risk, and adequacy and status of safety systems to support current and long term operations.

2. Task the Office of the Technical Director to develop an agenda (in Orange folder) for Board approval consistent with item 1 above by January 13, 2017. Hearing participants should include DOE officials, Los Alamos National Laboratory contractor-operator and other participants as suggested by DNFSB staff. The staff should consider having portions of the hearing be closed to the public if necessary to discuss classified information. If this is necessary, a suitable location(s)/logistics should be arranged.

Justification: Questions remain regarding the safety posture of the Plutonium Facility for long term operations and NNSA infrastructure plans. This hearing would allow the Board to gather updated information and help the Board develop follow-up oversight activities at the Plutonium Facility.

Attachments (init) n/a (included clean version of any proposed document or modified document)

Summarize any time sensitive considerations: Sufficient time to prepare for proposed hearing.

Requestor signature signature on file December 21, 2016

Assistant Executive secretary signature on file December 21, 2016

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Final Disposition Summary

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AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: Request for Board Action by Board Member Daniel J. Santos to Conduct a Public Hearing Week of March 20, 2017 on Risk Reduction at the Plutonium Facility at LANL

Doc Control#2017-300-021

The Board, with Board Member(s) Jessie H. Roberson, Sean Sullivan, Daniel J. Santos, Bruce Hamilton approving, Board Member(s) Joyce L. Connery disapproving, Board Member(s) none abstaining, and Board Member(s) none recusing, have voted to approve the above document on January 3, 2017.

The votes were recorded as:

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*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.


Assistant 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 Daniel J. Santos to Conduct a Public Hearing Week of March 20, 2017 on Risk Reduction at the Plutonium Facility at LANL.

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Approved____ Disapproved_X____ Abstain____
Recusal – Not Participating_____

COMMENTS: Below_X Attached____ None____

While I support continued focus on MAR reduction at PF-4, I cannot support a hearing in March. I do not believe this is the highest and best use of Agency resources. Further, it may take a while for all of the appropriate political appointees to be confirmed at the Department and I believe their participation would make for a more impactful discussion. Finally, I believe focusing on a hearing on PF-4 at the moment may be detrimental to safety at LANL as they are working to open TWF and remediate the RNS drums which were the focus of our hearing last year.

We should continue to gather information from LANL and NNSA on this issue and invite them to brief us on their plans. A hearing may be appropriate at a later date.

[Signature]
Joyce L. Connery

12/30/14

Date
DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Jessie H. Roberson

SUBJECT: Request for Board Action by Board Member Daniel J. Santos to Conduct a Public Hearing Week of March 20, 2017 on Risk Reduction at PF-4, LANL.

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Approved ☒ Disapproved ___ Abstain ___

Recusal – Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below ___ Attached ___ None ___

Jessie H. Roberson

01/03/17
Date
DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Sean Sullivan

SUBJECT: Request for Board Action by Board Member Daniel J. Santos to Conduct a Public Hearing Week of March 20, 2017 on Risk Reduction at the Plutonium Facility at LANL.

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Approved ☒ Disapproved_____ Abstain_____

Recusal – Not Participating_____

COMMENTS: Below____ Attached____ None ☒
ARCHIVE: Doc#2017-300-021, Request for Board Action by Board Member Daniel J. Santos to Conduct a Public Hearing During Week of March 20, 2017 on Risk Reduction at the Plutonium Facility at LANL

Shelby Qualls

From: Daniel J. Santos  
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 10:26 AM  
To: Cameron Shelton; Shelby Qualls  
Subject: RE: Notional Vote Doc#2017-300-021, Request for Board Action by Board Member Daniel J. Santos to Conduct a Public Hearing Week of March 20, 2017 on Risk Reduction at PF-4, LANL. - BLUE FOLDER

Approved without comments.

From: Cameron Shelton  
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 9:51 AM  
To: Mark Welch; James Biggins; Neysa Slater-Chandler; Steven Stokes; Katherine Herrera; Jessie Roberson; Bruce Hamilton; Daniel J. Santos; Joyce Connery; Sean Sullivan; ExSec; Donita Vines; Dana Hienz  
Cc:  
Subject: Notional Vote Doc#2017-300-021, Request for Board Action by Board Member Daniel J. Santos to Conduct a Public Hearing Week of March 20, 2017 on Risk Reduction at PF-4, LANL. - BLUE FOLDER

This email is an electronic record of Notional 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: Request for Board Action by Board Member Daniel J. Santos to Conduct a Public Hearing Week of March 20, 2017 on Risk Reduction at PF-4, LANL  
DOC# 2017-300-021

Office Directors have provided their input.

Approved____  
Disapproved____  
Abstain____  
Recusal – Not Participating____

COMMENTS:  
Below____  
Attached____  
None____

Cameron Shelton  
Assistant Executive Secretary  
Office of the Chairman
I approve.
Comment: Consideration should be given to adjusting the date of the hearing to maximize the availability of new Administration officials. Such adjustment should be the result of a future Board action.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Members of the Board

Φ: Request for Board Action by Board Member Daniel J. Santos to Conduct a Public Hearing Week of March 20, 2017 on Risk Reduction at PF-4, LANL
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Not Participating_____

NTS:

None____

Cameron Shelton