

The Honorable James Richard Perry
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Perry:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is pleased to recognize that Mr. Tom Kohler of the U.S. Department of Energy Savannah River Operations Office was named 2017 DOE Facility Representative of the Year at the recent Nuclear and Facility Safety Programs Workshop.

Mr. Kohler's exceptional leadership and technical competence drove significant improvements in the safety of operations at H Canyon and other Savannah River Site nuclear facilities. The challenges in overseeing these high-hazard nuclear facilities and operations make him well deserving of this professional honor.

We join you and your field office managers in acknowledging the important contributions made by all DOE facility representatives, and we extend our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Kohler.

Yours truly,

Bruce Hamilton
Acting Chairman

c: Mr. Jack R. Craig, Jr.
Mr. Tom Kohler
Mr. Joe Olencz

AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: 2017 DOE Facility Representative of the Year Recognition

Doc Control#2018-100-043


The Board, with Board Member(s) Jessie H. Roberson, Daniel J. Santos, Joyce L. Connery *approving*, Board Member(s) Bruce Hamilton *disapproving*, Board Member(s) none *abstaining*, and Board Member(s) none *not participating*, has voted to approve the above document on June 19, 2018.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING*	COMMENT	DATE
Bruce Hamilton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	06/19/18
Jessie H. Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	06/19/18
Daniel J. Santos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	06/19/18
Joyce L. Connery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	06/19/18

*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.


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: Bruce Hamilton

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Approved _____ Disapproved X Abstain _____

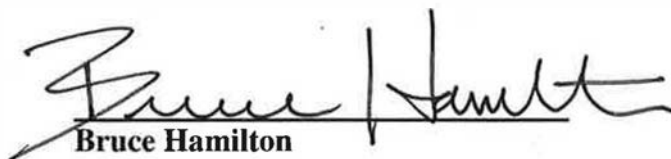
Recusal – Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below X Attached _____ None _____

This is congenial correspondence, and while I have no first-hand knowledge of the award winner or of his contributions, I am confident in the Secretary of Energy's assessment that he is deserving of the honor.

That notwithstanding, it is unfitting for the Board, which is charged with providing independent safety oversight, to endorse or recognize the performance of individuals within the Department of Energy. Doing so would contribute to greater familiarity and informality with Departmental actors, thus eroding, albeit marginally in this case, the Board's independence and objectivity, particularly in the eyes of the public.

I therefore disapprove.


Bruce Hamilton

19 JUNE 2018
Date

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Jessie Roberson

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COMMENTS:

Below

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None



Jessie Roberson

Date

6/19/2018

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NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Daniel J. Santos

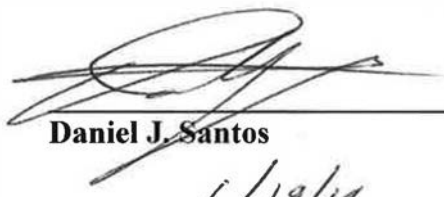
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COMMENTS: Below Attached None



Daniel J. Santos
6/19/18

Date

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Joyce L. Connery

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Approved X Disapproved Abstain

Recusal – Not Participating

COMMENTS: Below Attached None X

Connery

Joyce L. Connery

June 19, 2018

Date

Member voted by e-mail dated June 19, 2018