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**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES
SAFETY BOARD**

Washington, DC 20004-2901



The Honorable David G. Huizenga
Acting Secretary of Energy
US Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Acting Secretary Huizenga:

This letter revises the FY20 reporting requirement included in the Board letter dated February 26, 2016, regarding the Department of Energy's (DOE) nuclear criticality safety program. The annual reporting requirement includes a report on criticality safety performance metrics and a briefing to the Board. For FY20, the Board has decided that a briefing covering the status of DOE nuclear criticality safety programs is sufficient. The briefing should include how DOE and its National Nuclear Security Administration headquarters systemically evaluate criticality safety programs across the complex and how it is addressing known criticality safety challenges at specific sites.

The Board believes continued DOE focus on criticality safety is warranted and is considering options to improve this reporting requirement. These changes, when made, will be communicated to DOE by the Board. In the interim, pursuant to 42 United States Code (USC) § 2286b(d), the Board requests a briefing on the status of DOE criticality safety programs to satisfy the FY20 reporting requirement within 120 days.

Sincerely,

Joyce L. Connery
Chair

c: Mr. Joe Olencz

AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: RFBA by Chair Connery to Revise Annual Criticality Safety Reporting Requirement

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The Board acted on the above document on 02/10/2021. The document was Approved.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING	COMMENT	DATE
Thomas Summers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	02/08/2021
Jessie H. Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	02/10/2021
Joyce L. Connery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	02/08/2021

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Board Members.

Shelby Qualls

Executive Secretary to the Board

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Board Member Vote Sheets

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NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Thomas Summers

SUBJECT: RFBA by Chair Connery to Revise Annual Criticality Safety Reporting Requirement

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DATE: 02/08/2021

VOTE: Approved

COMMENTS:

None

Thomas Summers

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NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Jessie H. Roberson

SUBJECT: RFBA by Chair Connery to Revise Annual Criticality Safety Reporting Requirement

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VOTE: Approved

Member voted by email.

COMMENTS:

None

Jessie H. Roberson

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NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Joyce L. Connery

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VOTE: Approved

COMMENTS:

None

Joyce L. Connery