REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION BY A BOARD MEMBER

Requester: ____Joyce L. Connelly_________________ October 7, 2021

Brief description of Requested Action:

Approve sending attached letter to the Secretary of Energy responding to DOE’s acceptance of Recommendation 2020-1.

Attachments (init) _1_

Summarize any time sensitive considerations:

Requestor signature _________On File_____________________________ October 7, 2021

Assistant Executive secretary ____On File__________________________ October 7, 2021
The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm  
Secretary of Energy  
US Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585-1000  

Dear Secretary Granholm:  

Thank you for your letter of September 8, 2021, providing the Department of Energy’s (DOE) final decision on the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board’s (Board) Recommendation 2020-1, *Nuclear Safety Requirements*. The Board acknowledges DOE’s acceptance of the recommendation, though it notes that some DOE responses do not fully embrace actions recommended by the Board. The Board shares DOE’s view regarding the benefits of constructive staff-level interactions and looks forward to working with DOE and its staff to close any gaps in developing an implementation plan that addresses the Board’s sub-recommendations.  

Updating DOE’s nuclear safety regulatory framework will be a challenging undertaking, but one the Board believes will, as you wrote, “ensure the continued safe, effective, and efficient execution of DOE’s mission.” The Board believes periodic update briefings from DOE during development of the implementation plan would be mutually beneficial to ensure progress towards the shared goal of improving DOE’s regulatory framework as outlined in the Board’s recommendation.  

The Board looks forward to meeting with you in the near future to discuss this and other nuclear safety items. Our point of contact for scheduling is Tara Tadlock, Associate Director for Board Operations, who can be reached at 202-694-7176.  

Sincerely,  

Joyce L. Connery  
Chair  

[c]:  Mr. Joe Olencz
AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: RFBA by Chair Connery to Approve Letter to the Secretary Responding to DOE's Acceptance of Recommendation 2020-1

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The Board acted on the above document on 10/14/2021. The document was Approved.

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Attachments:
1. Voting Summary
2. Board Member Vote Sheets
FROM: Joyce L. Connery

SUBJECT: RFBA by Chair Connery to Approve Letter to the Secretary Responding to DOE's Acceptance of Recommendation 2020-1

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DATE: 10/13/2021

VOTE: Approved

COMMENTS:
None

Joyce L. Connery
FROM: Thomas Summers

SUBJECT: RFBA by Chair Connery to Approve Letter to the Secretary Responding to DOE's Acceptance of Recommendation 2020-1

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DATE: 10/13/2021

VOTE: Approved

COMMENTS:

None

Thomas Summers
FROM: Jessie H. Roberson

SUBJECT: RFBA by Chair Connery to Approve Letter to the Secretary Responding to DOE's Acceptance of Recommendation 2020-1

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DATE: 10/13/2021

VOTE: Approved

Member voted by email.

COMMENTS:

None

Jessie H. Roberson