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PRESS RELEASE

DNFSB Announces Loss of a Quorum of Board Members

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) lost a quorum of Board Members effective today. With the retirement of Ms. Jessie H. Roberson on October 18, 2023, the Board is reduced to two Board Members. Pursuant to the Board’s enabling legislation, The Board’s Chair sent the notification below to Congress yesterday.

“This letter is to notify you that, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2286(e)(3), the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board no longer has a quorum due to the number of vacant Board Member positions. Therefore, effective immediately, I will carry out the delegated functions and powers of the Board consistent with 42 U.S.C. § 2286(e)(2). I will note that I am only authorized to exercise these delegated functions and powers for a period of one-year. If a quorum has not been restored prior to October 18, 2024, the Board will remain without a quorum and the delegation will expire, leaving the Board unable to exercise its authority.

If you have questions, please contact our Associate Director for Board Operations, Tara Tadlock, at 202-694-7090 or TaraT@dnfsb.gov.”

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is thankful to Ms. Roberson for her decades of faithful service to the nation, the defense nuclear complex, and especially to the Board. She will be greatly missed.