

**APPENDIX 4**

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION BY A BOARD MEMBER**

Requester: \_\_\_Joyce L. Connery\_\_\_\_\_ September 4, 2020

**Brief description of Requested Action:**

Request that the Board approve staff level (Resident Inspector as presenter, with additional staff support as recommended by OTD) participation in the upcoming virtual seminar hosted by the Los Alamos Study Group and the Princeton Program on Science and Global Security. The seminar is designed address various safety deficiencies of pit production, but the Board's staff presentation and commentary are specific to outstanding safety challenges. The Board staff would rely on previously published facts and information and the slide deck for the presentation would be Board approved. Other government entities are participating as well and the event will be for non-attribution.

JUSTIFICATION: By participating in this event, the Board can provide factual information on relevant safety issues to public interest groups. This ties in specifically to goals within our Strategic Plan with regards to engagement activities and follows recommendations provided to the DNFSB by NAPA. Additionally, such interactions should be encouraged as staff development as they provide opportunities for the Staff to engage with both the public and peers to present the Board's technical work.

Attachments (init) \_n/a\_

Summarize any time sensitive considerations:

Requestor signature \_\_\_\_\_ On File \_\_\_\_\_ September 4, 2020

Assistant Executive secretary \_\_\_\_\_ On File \_\_\_\_\_ September 4, 2020

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**AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** RFBA by Board Member Connery to approve staff level participation in the virtual seminar hosted by LASG and the Princeton Program on Science and Global Security

**Doc Control#:** 2020-300-0032

The Board acted on the above document on 09/08/2020. The document was Approved.

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"/>	09/08/2020
Thomas Summers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/08/2020
Jessie H. Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/08/2020
Joyce L. Connery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/08/2020

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

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**

**NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

**FROM:** Bruce Hamilton

**SUBJECT:** RFBA by Board Member Connery to approve staff level participation in the virtual seminar hosted by LASG and the Princeton Program on Science and Global Security

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**DATE:** 09/08/2020

**VOTE:** Disapproved

**Member voted by email.**

**COMMENTS:**

This correspondence, if approved by the Board, would obligate the staff to participate in a virtual seminar hosted by Los Alamos Study Group and the Princeton Program on Science and Global Security.

Public interest groups have long been a part of the DNFSB's network. The Board consistently allows them to participate in the public comment portion of hearings, to provide their points of view through correspondence, and to visit in person with Board Members and members of the staff. The Atomic Energy Act (as Amended), the Code of Federal Regulations, and the Government in the Sunshine Act all mandate the Board to be open to the public in its operations where such openness does not compromise national security information.

That said, the mission of the Board, as specified in the Atomic Energy Act contains neither an explicit nor an implicit mandate to the Board that its mission includes participation in public interest group-sponsored activities. The Board's mission is closely circumscribed by law: "... to provide independent analysis, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy to inform the Secretary, in the role of the Secretary as operator and regulator of the defense nuclear facilities of the Department of Energy, in providing adequate protection of public health and safety at such defense nuclear facilities."

Consequently, using staff resources, even though marginal in this instance, to participate in a public interest group-seminar is outside the Board's mission and is thus an inappropriate use of public resources. Likewise, participating in public interest group-sponsored events sets a precedent that the Board would be well-served to avoid.

I therefore disapprove.

*Bruce Hamilton*

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**

**NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

**FROM:** Thomas Summers

**SUBJECT:** RFBA by Board Member Connery to approve staff level participation in the virtual seminar hosted by LASG and the Princeton Program on Science and Global Security

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**VOTE:** Approved

**COMMENTS:**

None

*Thomas Summers*

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**NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

**FROM:** Jessie H. Roberson

**SUBJECT:** RFBA by Board Member Connery to approve staff level participation in the virtual seminar hosted by LASG and the Princeton Program on Science and Global Security

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**VOTE:** Approved

**Member voted by email.**

**COMMENTS:**

None

*Jessie H. Roberson*

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**

**NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

**FROM:** Joyce L. Connery

**SUBJECT:** RFBA by Board Member Connery to approve staff level participation in the virtual seminar hosted by LASG and the Princeton Program on Science and Global Security

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**VOTE:** Approved

**COMMENTS:**

None

*Joyce L. Connery*