

AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: Recommendation 2020-1 Slides for ECA

Doc Control#: 2020-100-0051

The Board acted on the above document on 09/03/2020. The document was Approved.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING	COMMENT	DATE
Bruce Hamilton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	09/01/2020
Thomas Summers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/03/2020
Jessie H. Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/03/2020
Joyce L. Connery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/03/2020

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

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DATE: 09/01/2020

VOTE: Abstain

COMMENTS:

This correspondence would approve a document prepared using staff resources for a public interest group for their general education on several complex technical topics.

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 educating the public. 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 educate a public interest group on complex technical Recommendations made to the Secretary is outside the Board's mission and is thus an inappropriate use of public resources. Likewise, providing educational services to a public interest group sets a precedent that the Board would be well-served to avoid.

For these reasons, I will not approve of this document.

That said, in Doc#2020-100-037, the Board already decided to direct the staff to prepare this document, and my disapproving the document at this stage would serve no purpose.

I therefore abstain.

Bruce Hamilton

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Thomas Summers

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VOTE: Abstain

COMMENTS:

None

Thomas Summers

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Jessie H. Roberson

SUBJECT: Recommendation 2020-1 Slides for ECA

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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

Member voted by email.

COMMENTS:

None

Joyce L. Connery