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**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES
SAFETY BOARD**

Washington, DC 20004-2901



The Honorable James Richard Perry
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585-1000

Dear Secretary Perry:

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is pleased to recognize that Mr. N. Scott Dolezal of the National Nuclear Security Administration Production Office at the Pantex Plant (Pantex) was recently honored as the recipient of the 2016 Department of Energy (DOE) Annual Safety System Oversight (SSO) Award. Mr. Dolezal has provided exemplary oversight of numerous Pantex critical safety systems. His efforts associated with electrical testers will greatly improve the safety posture at Pantex. He also has been a catalyst in Pantex's pursuit of a lightning mapping array system, which will enhance early warning of lightning events. These and other accomplishments make Mr. Dolezal well deserving of this professional honor. We join you in acknowledging the importance of the contributions made by DOE's SSO engineers and extend our sincerest congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Dolezal.

Sincerely,

Sean Sullivan
Chairman

c: Mr. Geoffrey Beausoleil
Mr. N. Scott Dolezal
Mr. Joe Olencz

AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: SSO Award Winner Letter

Doc Control#2017-100-076

The Board, with Board Member(s) Sean Sullivan, Jessie H. Roberson, Daniel J. Santos, Joyce L. Connery *approving*, Board Member(s) Bruce Hamilton *disapproving*, Board Member(s) none *abstaining*, and Board Member(s) none *not participating*, have voted to approve the above document on September 13, 2017.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING*	COMMENT	DATE
Sean Sullivan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/11/17
Bruce Hamilton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	09/13/17
Jessie H. Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/11/17
Daniel J. Santos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/11/17
Joyce L. Connery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	09/11/17

*Reason for Not Participating:

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


 Assistant Executive Secretary to the Board

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Board Member Vote Sheets

cc: Board Members
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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Sean Sullivan

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Approved *X* **Disapproved** **Abstain**

Recusal – Not Participating

COMMENTS: **Below** **Attached** **None** *X*



Sean Sulliyán

9/11/17

Date

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Approved _____ **Disapproved** **X** **Abstain** _____


Recusal – Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below **X** **Attached** _____ **None** _____

This is congenial correspondence, and while I have no first-hand knowledge of the recipient or of his contributions, I am confident in the Secretary of Energy's assessment that he is deserving of the award.

That notwithstanding, it is unfitting for the Board, which is charged with providing independent safety oversight, to endorse or recognize the performance of individuals within the Department of Energy. Doing so would contribute to greater familiarity and informality with Departmental actors, thus eroding, albeit marginally in this case, the Board's independence and objectivity, particularly in the eyes of the public.

I therefore disapprove.



Bruce Hamilton

13 SEPT 2017
Date

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET


FROM: Jessie H. Roberson

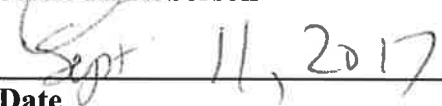
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Approved **Disapproved** _____ **Abstain** _____
Recusal – Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: **Below** _____ **Attached** _____ **None**



Jessie H. Roberson


Date

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FROM: Daniel J. Santos

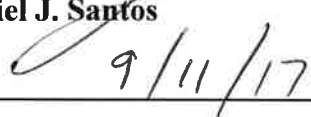
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COMMENTS: **Below** _____ **Attached** _____ **None**



Daniel J. Santos


Date

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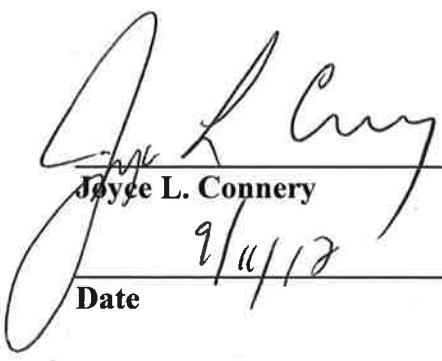
FROM: Joyce L. Connery

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Recusal – Not Participating

COMMENTS: **Below** **Attached** **None**



Joyce L. Connery

9/11/12
Date