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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD LAUNCH JOINT EFFORT TO IMPROVE INTERAGENCY COOPERATION

Washington, DC —The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) today signed a memorandum of understanding to improve cooperation between the agencies. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) provides a foundation for mutual communication, transparency, and information sharing between DOE and DNFSB that will promote operational and interface efficiencies.

“DOE is committed to safely and efficiently performing our important missions on behalf of all Americans. Thanks to the efforts of expert teams from DOE and DNFSB, we now have an MOU that further strengthens the relationship between our organizations to ensure effective oversight of our defense nuclear facilities” said Deputy Secretary of Energy David Turk.

“This is an incredible achievement for DNFSB and DOE and reflects the greatly improved working relationship between our two agencies. I want to thank the senior leaders of both agencies, and especially the staff, who worked tirelessly to create this MOU. I am confident this MOU will contribute to the important safety mission of both agencies,” said DNFSB Chair Joyce Connery.

The DNFSB is an independent federal agency responsible for providing independent analysis, advice, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy, related to adequate protection of public health and safety at DOE’s defense nuclear facilities, including with respect to the health and safety of employees and contractors at such facilities.



Deputy Secretary Turk and Chair Joyce Connery sign the MOU on February 17, 2022