

AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: H-Canyon Seismic Performance and Condition

Doc Control#2016-010


The Board, with Board Member(s) Jessie H. Roberson, Daniel J. Santos, Bruce Hamilton *approving*, Board Member(s) Joyce L. Connery, Sean Sullivan *disapproving*, Board Member(s) none *abstaining*, and Board Member(s) none *recusing*, have voted to approve the above document on December 14, 2015.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING*	COMMENT	DATE
Joyce L. Connery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12/11/15
Jessie H. Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12/14/15
Sean Sullivan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12/14/15
Daniel J. Santos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12/14/15
Bruce Hamilton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12/11/15

*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.



 Executive Secretary to the Board

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Board Member Vote Sheets

cc: Board Members
 OGC
 OGM Records Officer
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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Joyce L. Connery

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

Recusal – Not Participating _____

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

While I am confident in the technical accuracy in the staff issue report, I believe that this information has been appropriately conveyed to DOE and the contractor and that they are taking steps to address identified issues. I believe the staff work done to date is sufficient to have moved DOE in the right direction and I commend the staff for their efforts.

Joyce L. Connery

Joyce L. Connery
Dec 11, 2015

Date

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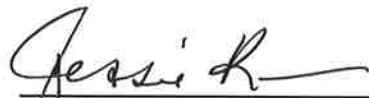
FROM: Jessie H. Roberson


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

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



Jessie H. Roberson


Date

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Sean Sullivan

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

Recusal – Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below X Attached _____ None _____

The staff performed a review of structural components at H-Canyon back in February, and provided their findings to DOE-SR at a review close-out in May. This letter and report, or at least a version of it, came to the Board in October. In November, DOE-SR directed SRNS to take core samples of the tunnel concrete. [REDACTED]

I understand that for several months DOE-SR and SRNS resisted taking core samples, believing as they did that the degraded (and still degrading) tunnel can perform its safety class function. I further understand that the sampling is estimated to cost a half-million dollars.

Our letter expresses a concern that the tunnel “may not be able to perform its safety class function,” but appears satisfied that DOE-SR has directed additional sampling and analysis. Given all that we know about the integrity of the tunnel, I don’t see why we can’t reach one of two conclusions: either (a) the safety class function is necessary for adequate protection, and DOE lacks assurance of that function, or (b) the safety class function is not necessary for adequate protection and efforts to investigate further constitute improvements to safety subject to cost benefit analysis. If the former, I don’t see why we would be satisfied with a sampling program that will take months, if not years, merely to tell us what we already suspect about the tunnel integrity. If the latter, I don’t see why anyone should be satisfied with spending precious resources investigating a sixty year old tunnel. Either way, the DNFSB has taken almost a full year to get to where we are, and where we are doesn’t make sense to me.



Sean Sullivan

12/14/15

Date

Lotus Smith

From: Daniel J. Santos
Sent: Monday, December 14, 2015 11:18 AM
To: Shelby Qualls; Lotus Smith
Subject: RE: Notational Vote: Doc#2016-010, H-Canyon Seismic Performance and Condition - BLUE FOLDER

Approved without comments.

From: Shelby Qualls
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2015 3:54 PM
To: Bruce Hamilton; Daniel J. Santos; Jessie Roberson; Joyce Connery; Sean Sullivan
Cc: Lotus Smith; Shelby Qualls; James Biggins
Subject: Notational Vote: Doc#2016-010, H-Canyon Seismic Performance and Condition - BLUE FOLDER

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NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

FROM: Members of the Board
SUBJECT: H-Canyon Seismic Performance and Condition

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Approved_____
Disapproved_____
Abstain_____
Recusal – Not Participating_____

COMMENTS:

Below_____
Attached_____
None_____

Shelby Qualls
Assistant Executive Secretary
Office of the Chairman

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

FROM: Bruce Hamilton

SUBJECT: H-Canyon Seismic Performance and Condition

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Approved **Disapproved** **Abstain**
Recusal - Not Participating

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


Bruce Hamilton

11 DEC 2015
Date