

Appendix A

Board Appointment Memorandum

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United States Government

Department of Energy
Richland Operations Office**memorandum**

DATE **JUN 17 2000**
REPLY TO
ATTN OF A&E:SOB/00A&F-107
SUBJECT ESTABLISHMENT OF A TYPE B INVESTIGATION BOARD FOR THE JUNE 27,
2000, HANFORD SITE FIRE

TO Keith Bengtson
Board Chairman

I hereby establish a Type B Investigation Board to investigate the June 27, 2000, Hanford Site fire at the Department of Energy, Richland Operations (RL), Hanford Nuclear Reservation. The following individuals are appointed to the Board in the indicated capacity:

1. Chairperson: Keith Bengtson, Division Director, Engineering Safety and Standards Division, RL
2. Trained Accident Investigator: Rob Hastings, Operations Oversight Division, RL
3. Board Members:
 - Craig Richins, Science and Technology Operations Division, RL
 - Roger Peterson, Facility Transition Division, RL
 - Craig Christensen, Engineering Safety and Standards Division, RL
4. Initial Advisors:
 - Debra Newland, Environmental, Safety, Health and Quality, DynCorp
 - Rex Jordan, Site Services, DynCorp
5. Administrative Support: Emily Lewis, Analysis and Evaluation Division, RL

The Board will be assisted by additional advisors and consultants and other personnel as determined by the Chairperson. I anticipate additional advisors from external groups, such as other DOE Sites, the Hanford Advisory Board, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, or other agencies.

Keith Benguiat
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The investigation will specifically address the DOE and contractors' response to the Hanford fire. The scope will include the DOE and contractors' emergency response process and the application of lessons learned from previous fires at Hanford. Specific emphasis should be placed on developing any further lessons learned that can be applied to improving the DOE response to fire incident, not just at Richland but that might also be applicable to other DOE sites.

The Board shall provide my office with periodic reports on the status of the investigation, however will not include any conclusions until an analysis of the causal factors have been completed. Draft copies of the factual portion of the investigation will be reviewed by the Board members for factual accuracy prior to report finalization. At the request of the Deputy Secretary, I will be briefing the DOE Field Management Council July 11th on some of our initial lessons learned from this incident. I would accordingly appreciate an initial status report on facts gathered (i.e., event chronology) by July 7th.

Four copies of the draft report should be provided to me by July 25, 2000, for review prior to its preparation in final form. Any delay to this date shall be justified and forwarded to this office. Discussions of the investigation and copies of the draft report will be controlled until I authorize release of the final report.

By copy of this memorandum, I am advising the supervisors of each of the Board members that this assignment is full time until the investigation and report are complete. The advisors to the Board shall assist the Board in the investigation on a priority basis and provide input to the Chairperson as requested.



Keith A. Klein
Manager

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Subject: June 2000 Hanford Fire Type B Investigator

Keith

As part of our investigation we have invited Dennis Vernon the HQ POC for Accident Investigation (DOE-O-225.1A) he was here July 18-20th. In review of the order we have concluded that the use of Craig Christensen as a board member could pose a conflict of interest as he directly reports to me as DD for ESD. In addition utilization of Jack George to replace Rob Hastings poses the same issues.

I therefore recommend with your concurrence we re assigned them as SME's and select Stanly O. Branch who is participating as an advisor to replace Craig Christensen. Rob Hastings has recovered from his surgery and is planning on returning to the team the week of July 24th. This will provide us with an independent team to report on this event.

During this week we have made significant progress to finalize the event timeline and completed our interviews for the Health and Safety portion of the event.

This week also we have had SME/Advisors from EP and FWS working with us to input into the "facts" and sequence of events.

I have contacted Pam Enslly USFWS at their request for RL support of a National Interagency Review that will be performed here in Richland July 25-28th. I briefed Harry Boston and Jim Spracklin on the request, they concurred I should be the POC for RL.

I provided input to Kris Morris HQ EM to prepare EM1 Huntoon for her July 19th DNFSB monthly meeting.

I provided DOE SRS Garry Yaffe with the timeline and lessons learned items forwarded to you as part of my July 14 memorandum ESD:KAB/00-ESD-095.

We have included a FH firefighter as an advisor to the team.

We are progressing well and will complete typing the the "briefing paper" on July 25th four copies will be provided to you.

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