##### November 27, 2018

**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Caroline Trum, NAESB Deputy Director

**RE: Update to the Board of Directors – Sandia National Laboratories Surety Assessment**

On December 3, 2018, the NAESB Board Critical Infrastructure Committee (CIC) will meet to review updated drafts of the surety assessment report Sandia National Laboratories has committed to provide by November 29, 2018. The purpose of the meeting will be to provide any necessary feedback to Sandia National Laboratories as the surety assessment team works to finalize the report prior to the end of the year. Currently, Sandia National Laboratories is working to revise the draft reports to be responsive to the written feedback provided by the NAESB Board CIC in August that recommended modifications to ensure the final report is similar in structure and format to the 2006 surety assessment report and includes a forward-thinking, vulnerability-based assessment.

The surety assessment, sponsored by the Department of Energy, focuses on four areas: (1) assess the NAESB Certification Program for Accredited Certification Authorities, including the WEQ Public Key Infrastructure Standards, the NAESB Accreditation Requirements for Authorized Certificate Authorities, and the Authorized Certification Authority Process; (2) assess the WGQ and RMQ Internet Electronic Transport and Electronic Delivery Mechanism Standards; (3) assess the WEQ OASIS Suite of Business Practice Standards; and (4) conduct a high-level dependency analysis between the gas and electric markets. In 2017, the Chair of the Board of Directors reconvened the NAESB Board CIC for the purpose of monitoring cybersecurity and critical infrastructure activities, specifically the surety assessment.

An additional meeting of the NAESB Board CIC will be scheduled once the final report on the surety assessment is provided by Sandia National Laboratories. For 2019, all quadrants have included items on their annual plans to consider and potentially develop modifications to or new standards as needed based on the review of the surety assessment.