

Table 1. Competence: DOE 1996, 1997¹

Outcome/Site	F		H		L		N		O	P1	P2		S	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1997	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Consistency with best information ²	100	85	78	72	55	81	84	86	93	56	65	80	91	83
Responsive to concerns ³	91	90	35	38	23	25	56	79	50	17	71	33	74	63
Reflects values/interests ⁴	100	90	80	81	50	38	71	70	80	62	68	48	75	78
Makes clear basis for decisions ⁵	100	95	86	92	41	27	64	86	93	70	75	48	78	87
Clarifies degree of consensus														
Information from process is used by decision makers ⁶	95	75	34	57	5	13	40	43	43	25	54	5	55	46
DOE-HQ gives careful consideration to board advice ⁷	48	47	10	4	9	6	28	21	0	18	18	19	28	32
Overall rating	H	H	M	MH	L	L	M	MH	MH	L	M	L	MH	MH

¹ Numbers represent the percentage of respondents agreeing with the statement

² Board invites expert advice into discussions of key policy issues

³ DOE pays attention to Board advice on key issues

⁴ Board contributes to DOE understanding of public viewpoints

⁵ Board contributes to members' understanding of the basis for key decisions

⁶ DOE shows how Board advice is reflected in decisions; Board advice has improved DOE's decisions

⁷ Additional item included from the surveys of DOE boards