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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Pursuant to the provision of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. §552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) meeting described below.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 9:00 a.m., May 6, 1998.

PLACE: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing Room,
625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Status of the Department of Energy's
Implementation of Board Recommendation 94-1, *Improved Schedule for Remediation in
the Defense Nuclear Facility Complex.*

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
has become concerned about the rate of progress on actions responding to
Recommendation 94-1, *Improved Schedule for Remediation in the Defense Nuclear
Facility Complex.* Additionally, the Board has noted that while the delays in activities
have been communicated in the Department of Energy (DOE) briefings to the Board and
its staff, as well as in quarterly 94-1 status reports, formal communication of new
proposed dates and a plan of action to meet those dates have not been forthcoming from
DOE in a timely manner.

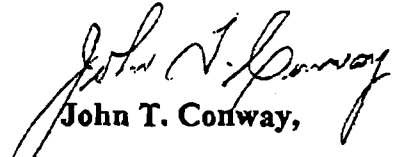
When production of nuclear weapons ceased in the early 1990's, large inventories of plutonium, uranium, spent nuclear fuel, and other hazardous materials were stored in temporary arrangements awaiting processing into weapons components or other disposition. The Board became concerned as to continued safety of such materials if they were not placed in a form suitable for interim storage. The Board accordingly issued its Recommendation 94-1 on May 26, 1994, recommending that the Department initiate or accelerate programs to process and repackage such materials so that they could be safely stored. The Secretary of Energy accepted Recommendation 94-1 in full, and a satisfactory Implementation Plan was issued in February 1995 and accepted by the Board.

This Public Meeting is for the purpose of examining progress on activities to meet the objectives of Recommendation 94-1, and related integration of activities among Department of Energy sites. Department of Energy personnel have been requested to review the status of past due milestones affecting programs to process uranium and plutonium into stable storage forms, package plutonium for interim storage, stabilize spent fuel, and maintain the facilities needed to perform these activities. The major programs under Recommendation 94-1 are at the Savannah River Site, the Hanford Site, the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, and the Los Alamos National Laboratory, although most other defense nuclear sites are affected to some degree.

The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of this meeting, to recess, reconvene, postpone or

adjourn the meeting, and otherwise exercise its authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: April 9, 1998.


John T. Conway,
Chairman.