

**In the Matter of:**

**Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board**

*April 8, 2016  
Nonpublic Meeting*

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1 regulations implementing the Sunshine Act and the Board's  
2 operating procedures for meetings.  
3 It is necessary to close the meeting to the  
4 public since conducting an open meeting is likely to  
5 disclose matters that are specifically exempted from  
6 disclosure by statute and/or likely to significantly  
7 frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.  
8 Specifically, the deliberations will pertain to potential  
9 recommendations which under 42 USC 2286(d), Subsections  
10 (b) and (h)(3), may not be made publicly available until  
11 after they have been received by the Secretary of Energy  
12 or the President, respectively.  
13 Closure of this meeting has been certified by  
14 the Acting General Counsel under Sunshine Act Exemptions  
15 3 and 9B as authorized under 5 USC Section 552b,  
16 Subsection (c)(3) and (9)(b) and 10 CFR Section 1704.4C  
17 and H.  
18 The Board is recording this proceeding through  
19 a verbatim transcript. This closed meeting concerns  
20 Member deliberations pertaining to the development and  
21 formulation of potential Board recommendations to the  
22 Secretary of Energy.  
23 As a reminder to those who are in attendance  
24 and Board employees who may later become privy to these  
25 proceedings, the Board and its staff are prohibited from

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1 NONPUBLIC MEETING  
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3 (2:00 p.m.)  
4 MS. CONNERY: We're on the record. Good  
5 afternoon. I'm Joyce Connery. I'm the Chairman of the  
6 Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. I will preside  
7 over this closed meeting. With me today are my  
8 colleagues on the Safety Board. Present today is Ms.  
9 Jessie Roberson, the Board's Vice Chairman; Mr. Sean  
10 Sullivan; Mr. Dan Santos; Mr. Bruce Hamilton. We five  
11 constitute the Board.  
12 Having established a quorum of Board members,  
13 this closed meeting will now come to order. There's  
14 nobody on the phone; correct? No, okay.  
15 Ms. Casey Blaine, the Board's Associate General  
16 Counsel, will serve as the Board's Executive Secretary  
17 for the meeting. She's also our Acting General Counsel  
18 today, so, Ms. Blaine, please present the closed meeting  
19 agenda.  
20 MS. BLAINE: This closed meeting was announced  
21 on April 5th, 2016 on the Board's public website. It was  
22 also subsequently noticed in the Federal Register on  
23 April 7th, 2016. The Board has voted to close the  
24 meeting to the public per the provisions of the  
25 Government in the Sunshine Act, as well as the Board's

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1 publicly disclosing information described in draft or  
2 final recommendations prior to the receipt of the final  
3 recommendation by the Secretary of Energy. This  
4 prohibition applies to information learned during the  
5 course of this meeting or by review of the meeting  
6 transcript, related documents, or from other sources.  
7 Pursuant to the specific agenda, the Board will  
8 now discuss matters related to potential recommendations  
9 [REDACTED]. Following  
10 the deliberation, the Chairman will summarize the outcome  
11 of the discussion in conjunction with a summary of staff  
12 taskings by the Associate General Counsel. After an  
13 opportunity for Board Member comments, the meeting will  
14 adjourn.  
15 Pursuant to the constraints of the Sunshine  
16 Act, the Board should not conduct deliberations in this  
17 closed meeting on purely procedural aspects of issuing  
18 recommendations that are not coupled to the substance of  
19 a particular recommendation.  
20 I now yield the floor back to the Chairman for  
21 any opening remarks.  
22 MS. CONNERY: So, I don't have any specific  
23 opening remarks, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] So, I'm going to yield to Ms.  
3 Roberson for any opening remarks.  
4 MS. ROBERSON: None.  
5 MS. CONNERY: Mr. Sullivan?  
6 MR. SULLIVAN: No remarks, Madam Chairman.  
7 MS. CONNERY: Mr. Santos?  
8 MR. SANTOS: No remarks.  
9 MS. CONNERY: Mr. Hamilton?  
10 MR. HAMILTON: No opening remarks, Madam  
11 Chairman.  
12 MS. CONNERY: Thank you. This concludes the  
13 Board's opening remarks. At this time, I'd like to begin  
14 with the order of business on the agenda: Board Member  
15 discussion concerning potential recommendations  
[REDACTED]

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