

In the Matter of:

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

*December 1, 2015
Nonpublic Meeting*

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1 MR. WELCH: Mark Welch, General Manager.
2 MR. ROSCETTI: Chris Roscetti, Group Lead for
3 Performance Assurance and Acting Group Lead for Nuclear
4 Programs and Analysis.
5 MS. HELFRICH: Monique Helfrich, technical
6 staff.
7 MR. TONTODONATO: And Richard Tontodonato,
8 Deputy Technical Director.
9 MR. BATHERSON: John Batherson, Associate
10 General Counsel.
11 MS. CONNERY: Okay. So, with that, I'm going
12 to turn it over to Mr. James Biggins, the Board's Acting
13 General Counsel, who will serve as the Executive
14 Secretary for this meeting. Mr. Biggins, please present
15 the closed meeting agenda.
16 MR. BIGGINS: Thank you, Madam Chairman. This
17 closed meeting was announced on November 3, 2015 on the
18 Board's public website. It was also subsequently noticed
19 in the Federal Register on November 18, 2015. Through a
20 notation vote on November 30th, 2015, the Board set the
21 specific agenda for the meeting and extended the time.
22 The time change was publicly announced on the same day
23 via the DNFSB public website, along with a subsequent
24 notice in the Federal Register.
25 The meeting is closed to the public per the

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1 NONPUBLIC MEETING
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3 (1:01 p.m.)
4 MS. CONNERY: So, good afternoon. My name is
5 Joyce Connery, and I am the Chairman of the Defense
6 Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. I will preside over
7 this closed meeting. With me today are my colleagues on
8 the Safety Board. Present today, Ms. Jessie Roberson,
9 the Board's Vice Chairman; Mr. Sean Sullivan; Mr. Daniel
10 Santos; and Mr. Bruce Hamilton. We five constitute the
11 Board.
12 Having established the quorum of Board Members,
13 this closed meeting will now come to order. Our first
14 order of business will be to identify the other
15 participants in the room, starting on the phone with our
16 two representatives from [REDACTED]. If you could
17 identify yourselves.
18 [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
19 [REDACTED]
20 [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
21 MS. CONNERY: Great. And then with Mr. Dwyer.
22 MR. DWYER: Timothy Dwyer, Group Lead, Nuclear
23 Weapon Programs.
24 MR. PASKO: John Pasko, Group Lead, Nuclear
25 Materials Processing and Stabilization Group.

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

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1 proceedings, the Board and its staff are prohibited from
2 publicly disclosing information describing draft or final
3 recommendations prior to receipt of the final
4 recommendation by the Secretary of Energy. This
5 prohibition applies to information learned during the
6 course of this meeting or by review of the meeting
7 transcript, related documents, or from other sources.

8 Pursuant to the specific agenda, the Board will
9 now discuss the following matters related to potential
10 recommendations.

[Redacted]

17 Following each item, the Chairman will
18 summarize the outcome of the discussion in conjunction
19 with the summary of any staff taskings by the General
20 Counsel. After an opportunity for Board Member comments,
21 the meeting will adjourn.

22 Pursuant to the constraints of the Sunshine
23 Act, the Board should not conduct deliberations in this
24 closed meeting on purely procedural aspects of issuing
25 recommendations that are not coupled to the substance of

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[Redacted]

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1 a particular recommendation.

2 I now yield the floor back to the Chairman for
3 any opening remarks.

4 MS. CONNERY: So, first, a procedural remark,
5 because this is a closed meeting, you know, just refrain
6 from using your electronics. Obviously, folks on the
7 phone have to be on the phone, but be mindful of the fact
8 that this is a closed meeting.

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