

**In the Matter of:**

**Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board**

*December 6, 2017*  
*Closed Meeting*

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8 CLOSURE MEETING  
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11 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017  
12 10:00 a.m.  
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15 625 Indiana Avenue, NW  
16 Washington, DC 20004  
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S  
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3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Good morning.  
4 My name is Sean Sullivan, and I am the chairman  
5 of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. I will  
6 preside over today's closed meeting.  
7 With me today are my colleagues on the Board,  
8 Vice Chairman Bruce Hamilton and Board Members  
9 Jessie Roberson, Daniel Santos and Joyce Connery. We  
10 five constitute the Board.  
11 Having established a quorum of Board members,  
12 this closed meeting will now come to order.  
13 James Biggins, the Board's general counsel,  
14 will serve as the Board's executive Secretary for the  
15 meeting.  
16 This closed meeting was publicly announced on  
17 November 17, 2017 on the Board's public website. It  
18 was subsequently noticed in the Federal Register on  
19 November 21.  
20 On November 21, the Board voted to postpone the  
21 meeting until today. The Board announced this change  
22 on the public website on November 27 and published a  
23 notice in the Federal Register on December 5.  
24 The Board has closed the meeting to the public  
25 per the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine

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1 A T T E N D E E S  
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3 DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD MEMBERS:  
4 SEAN SULLIVAN, Chairman  
5 BRUCE HAMILTON, Vice Chairman  
6 JESSIE H. ROBERSON, Board Member  
7 JOYCE L. CONNERY, Board Member  
8 DANIEL J. SANTOS, Board Member  
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10 DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD STAFF:  
11 JAMES BIGGINS, General Counsel  
12 ERIC FOX, Associate General Counsel  
13 JOSEPH GILMAN, Associate General Counsel  
14 STEVE STOKES, Technical Director  
15 RICHARD TONTODONATO, Deputy Technical Director  
16 CHRISTOPHER ROSCETTI, Associate Technical  
17 Director, Nuclear Programs and Analysis  
18 TIMOTHY J. DWYER, Associate Technical Director,  
19 Nuclear Weapons Programs  
20 GLENN SKLAR, General Manager  
21 KATHERINE HERERRA, Deputy General Manager  
22 KATIE SULLIVAN, Technical Staff  
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24 REPORTED BY:  
25 Josett F. Whalen, Court Reporter

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1 Act, as well as the Board's regulations implementing  
2 the Sunshine Act, and the Board's operating procedures  
3 for meetings.  
4 This closed meeting concerns member  
5 deliberations pertaining to the development and  
6 formulation of potential Board recommendations to the  
7 Secretary of Energy.  
8 The Board's compliance with statutory  
9 provisions permitting closure of this meeting has been  
10 stated in the Board's Federal Register notice.  
11 Additional documentation related to this  
12 meeting is available on our website, www.dnfsb.gov.  
13 As a reminder to those who are in attendance  
14 and Board employees who may later become privy to  
15 these proceedings, the Board and its staff are  
16 prohibited from publicly disclosing information  
17 described in draft or final recommendations prior to  
18 the receipt of the final recommendations by the  
19 Secretary of Energy. This prohibition applies to  
20 information learned during the course of this meeting  
21 or by review of the meeting transcripts, related  
22 documents or from other sources.  
23 Pursuant to this specific agenda, the Board  
24 will deliberate on recommendations currently pending  
25 before the Board as well as any other matters that

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1 Board members or staff believe may challenge the  
 2 adequate protection of the public at defense nuclear  
 3 facilities.  
 4 Following each item on the agenda, I will  
 5 summarize the outcome of the discussion, and the  
 6 general counsel will summarize any staff taskings and  
 7 Board votes.  
 8 After an opportunity for closing comments from  
 9 Board members, the meeting will adjourn.  
 10 This concludes my opening remarks in my  
 11 capacity as chairman, and I have no opening remarks in  
 12 my individual capacity as one of five Board members.  
 13 I will now turn to the other Board members for  
 14 their opening remarks.  
 15 Mr. Hamilton?  
 16 VICE CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you,  
 17 Mr. Chairman. I have no opening remarks.  
 18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Ms. Roberson?  
 19 BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: Thank you,  
 20 Mr. Chairman. I have no remarks at this time.  
 21 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Mr. Santos?  
 22 BOARD MEMBER SANTOS: Thank you, Chairman. No  
 23 opening remarks.  
 24 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Ms. Connery?  
 25 BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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1 I also have no opening remarks.  
 2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. This concludes the  
 3 Board's opening remarks.  
 4 At this time I'd like to begin with the first  
 5 order of business on the agenda, which is Board member  
 6 deliberations regarding Document Number 2018-200-001.

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10 So if there's no other discussion on that, we  
11 move to the second agenda item, which is [REDACTED]

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22 And so this concludes our agenda, and I will  
23 now ask the Board members if they have any closing  
24 remarks.  
25 Mr. Hamilton?

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: No closing remarks,  
2 Mr. Chairman.  
3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All right. Ms. Roberson?  
4 BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: One closing remark,  
5 Mr. Chairman.  
6 I guess the thing that I'd like to say is,  
7 anytime that I observe a Board member that is concerned  
8 that there's an issue of adequate protection, I'm going  
9 to support the exploration of it because, when all is  
10 said, no one of us really has all the view and all the  
11 sight, and so I'm always going to provide the benefit  
12 of the doubt.  
13 Now, when it comes to voting on whether there  
14 is an issue of adequate protection, I'll do my own  
15 independent analysis. And that is the way I will treat  
16 all Board members.  
17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.  
18 Mr. Santos?  
19 BOARD MEMBER SANTOS: No closing remarks.  
20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Okay. Ms. Connery?  
21 BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: No closing remarks.  
22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: All right. And I have no  
23 individual closing remarks.  
24 As a reminder, the Board and its staff are  
25 prohibited from publicly disclosing information

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1 described in draft or final recommendations. This  
 2 prohibition applies to information learned during the  
 3 course of this meeting or by review of the meeting  
 4 transcript, related documents, or from other sources.  
 5 The prohibition shall remain in effect until receipt of  
 6 a final recommendation by the Secretary of Energy or  
 7 the Board otherwise makes an affirmative decision to  
 8 release information.

9 This concludes the closed meeting. We are  
 10 adjourned.

11 (Whereupon, at 11:35 a.m., the closed meeting  
 12 was adjourned.)  
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 10 relative or employee of any attorney or counsel  
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