

**Draft Agenda for DNFSB’s Public Meeting and Hearing on the
Status of the Savannah River Site (SRS)**

Location: Virtual

Date/Time: TBD, July 2021

PUBLIC MEETING – MORNING SESSION – 2.5 Hours

Goal:

- Gather information on how the Department of Energy – Savannah River (DOE-SR) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Savannah River Field Office (SRFO) are approaching having to work in a constrained environment for an extended period.

Part 1: DOE-SR: Environmental Management (EM) Operations and Site Programs

1.5 hours

Objective:

Discuss DOE-SR lessons learned and best practices for how to minimize nuclear safety impacts after working in a constrained environment for an extended period. Discuss ongoing challenges and plans for transitioning back to a less-constrained work environment. The areas of focus will include DOE EM policy and guidance related to personnel-centric areas (e.g., training and qualifications, control room operations, telework), emergency preparedness and response, and DOE-SR oversight.

Schedule:

TBD	Chair’s Opening Remarks	Chair Connery
TBD + 10	Board Member Remarks	Board Members
TBD + 20	Introduce Panel	Chair Connery
TBD + 25	Opening Remarks/Overview of DOE-SR Response Panel	
	Focused Panel Discussion	
TBD + 40	Topic 1: DOE Policy and Guidance for Federal Workforce and Contractors	
TBD + 50	Topic 2: Emergency Preparedness and Response	
TBD + 75	Topic 3: DOE-SR Oversight during Constrained Environment	
TBD + 90	Break	

Proposed Part 1 Panelists:

- Assistant Secretary for the Office of Environmental Management (William White (Acting))
- Manager, Savannah River Operations Office (Michael D. Budney)
- TBD

Part 2: NNSA Savannah River Field Office Operations

1 hour

Objective:

Discuss NNSA SRFO lessons learned and best practices for how to minimize nuclear safety impacts after working in a constrained environment for an extended period. Discuss ongoing challenges and plans for transitioning back to a less-constrained work environment. The areas of focus will include NNSA policy and guidance related to personnel-centric areas (e.g., training and qualifications, control room operations, telework), emergency preparedness and response, and NNSA SRFO oversight.

Schedule:

TBD	Chair's Opening Remarks	Chair Connery
TBD + 5	Board Member Remarks	Board Members
TBD + 15	Introduce Panel	Chair Connery
TBD + 20	Opening Remarks/Overview of SRFO Response	Panel
	Focused Panel Discussion	
TBD + 30	Topic 1: NNSA Policy and Guidance for Federal Workforce and Contractors	
TBD + 40	Topic 2: Emergency Preparedness and Response	
TBD + 50	Topic 3: NNSA SRFO Oversight during Constrained Environment	
TBD + 60	Public Meeting Final Remarks	Chair Connery

Proposed Part 2 Panelists:

- Under Secretary for Nuclear Security & Administrator, NNSA (Charles P. Verdon (Acting))
- Savannah River Field Office Manager (Jason Armstrong)
- TBD

PUBLIC HEARING – AFTERNOON SESSION – 2.5 Hours

Goal:

- Gather information and discuss Department of Energy (DOE) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) actions that could impact the safety posture of defense nuclear operations at SRS.

Part 1: Safety Posture of the Savannah River Tritium Enterprise (SRTE) Facilities

1.25 hours

Objective:

Discuss the SRTE safety basis, completed improvements, and ongoing and planned actions to address the high radiological dose consequences to the workers for several accident scenarios. In particular, the Board will focus on the ongoing actions at the SRTE that DOE cited as a basis to not accept Board Recommendation 2019-2, *Safety of the Savannah River Tritium Facilities*.

Schedule:

TBD	Chair's Opening Remarks	Chair Connery
TBD + 10	Board Member Remarks	Board Members
TBD + 20	Introduce Panel	Chair Connery
TBD + 25	Overview	Technical Director
TBD + 35	Panel Discussion	
TBD + 75	Break	

Proposed Part 1 Panelists:

- Under Secretary for Nuclear Security & Administrator, NNSA (Charles P. Verdon (Acting))
- Savannah River Field Office Manager (Jason Armstrong)
- TBD

Part 2: Federal Oversight and Technical Staffing Needs

0.75 hour

Objective:

Particular attention will be paid to the adequacy of current EM and NNSA staffing to conduct oversight missions. This will include discussions of shortages in both facility representative positions for existing facilities and engineering positions responsible for reviewing safety bases and performing safety system oversight, and the subsequent approach of delegating inherently federal functions to the contractor as a substitute for federal oversight. This will also include

discussions of future technical staffing needs as new site missions ramp up (e.g., Savannah River Plutonium Production Facility operations and Surplus Plutonium Disposition).

Schedule:

TBD	Introduce Panel	Chair Connery
TBD +5	Panel Discussion	
TBD +45	Break	

Proposed Part 2 Panelists:

- Assistant Secretary for the Office of Environmental Management (William White (Acting))
- Manager, Savannah River Operations Office (Michael D. Budney)
- Under Secretary for Nuclear Security & Administrator, NNSA (Charles P. Verdon (Acting))
- Savannah River Field Office Manager (Jason Armstrong)
- TBD

Part 3: Public Comments and Wrap-up

0.5 hour

TBD	Public Comment Period	
TBD +25	Chair's Closing Remarks	Chair Connery
TBD +30	Adjourn	

AFFIRMATION OF BOARD VOTING RECORD

SUBJECT: Draft Agenda, SRS Public Meeting or Hearing

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The Board acted on the above document on 05/10/2021. The document was Approved.

The votes were recorded as:

	APRVD	DISAPRVD	ABSTAIN	NOT PARTICIPATING	COMMENT	DATE
Joyce L. Connery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	05/10/2021
Thomas Summers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	05/10/2021
Jessie H. Roberson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	05/10/2021

This Record contains a summary of voting on this matter together with the individual vote sheets, views and comments of the Board Members.

Shelby Qualls

Executive Secretary to the Board

Attachments:

1. Voting Summary
2. Board Member Vote Sheets

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Joyce L. Connery

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DATE: 05/10/2021

VOTE: Approved

COMMENTS:

None

Joyce L. Connery

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Thomas Summers

SUBJECT: Draft Agenda, SRS Public Meeting or Hearing

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DATE: 05/10/2021

VOTE: Approved

COMMENTS:

None

Thomas Summers

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET

FROM: Jessie H. Roberson

SUBJECT: Draft Agenda, SRS Public Meeting or Hearing

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DATE: 05/10/2021

VOTE: Approved

Member voted by email.

COMMENTS:

None

Jessie H. Roberson

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
NOTATIONAL VOTE RESPONSE SHEET**

FROM: Jessie H. Roberson

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Approved **Disapproved** _____ **Abstain** _____

Recusal – Not Participating _____

COMMENTS: Below _____ **Attached** _____ **None** _____

Jessie H. Roberson

May 10, 2021
Date