

In the Matter of:

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

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Closed Meeting

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3 DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD:
4 SEAN SULLIVAN, Chairman
5 BRUCE HAMILTON, Vice Chairman
6 JESSIE H. ROBERSON, Board Member
7 DANIEL J. SANTOS, Board Member
8 JOYCE L. CONNERY, Board Member
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: We shall get started. Good
4 morning. My name is Sean Sullivan, I am the chairman of
5 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, Board Member Jessie
9 Roberson, Board Member Daniel Santos, and Board Member
10 Joyce Connery, we five constitute the Board.
11 Having established a quorum of the Board
12 members, this closed meeting will now come to order.
13 Mr. Richard Reback, the Board's deputy general counsel
14 will serve as the Board's Executive Secretary for the
15 meeting.
16 This closed meeting was publicly announced on
17 March 13th, 2017 on the Board's public website. It was
18 also subsequently noticed in the Federal Register on
19 March 21st, 2017 with a pending correction notice.
20 The Board has closed the meeting to the public
21 per the provisions of the Government and the Sunshine
22 Act, as well as the Board's regulations implementing the
23 Sunshine Act and the Board's operating procedures
24 regarding Board meetings.
25 This closed meeting concerns member

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1 deliberations pertaining to the development and
2 formulation of potential Board recommendations to the
3 Secretary of Energy. The Board's compliance with
4 statutory provisions permitting closure of this meeting
5 has been stated in the Board's Federal Register notice.

6 As a reminder to those who are in attendance and
7 Board employees who may later become privy to these
8 proceedings, the Board and its staff are prohibited from
9 publicly disclosing information described in draft or
10 final recommendations prior to the receipt of the final
11 recommendations by the Secretary of Energy. This
12 prohibition applies to information learned during the
13 course of this meeting or by review of the meeting
14 transcript, related documents or from other sources.

15 Pursuant to the specific agenda, the Board will
16 now discuss matters related to the potential
17 recommendations and recommendation outlines being
18 explored or developed with the potential to challenge
19 the protection of the public at Defense nuclear
20 facilities.

21 [REDACTED]
22 [REDACTED] Finally, the third item is any
24 potential recommendation topics that Board members may
25 wish to discuss.

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1 This concludes my opening remarks in my capacity
2 as Chairman. I now have some brief remarks in my
3 capacity as one of five individual Board members.

4 So, while this meeting is closed and the
5 transcript is to be withheld, I just want to point out
6 that there are circumstances in both the law and the
7 regulation that would have the Board release the
8 information that is in the transcripts, including in my
9 view if the Board decides not to issue a recommendation.
10 So, I will just encourage the Board to consider
11 releasing these if any of those circumstances come up.

12 I will now turn to my fellow Board members for
13 their opening remarks. Mr. Hamilton?

14 MR. HAMILTON: No remarks, Mr. Chairman.

15 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

16 Ms. Roberson?

17 MS. ROBERSON: No, thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Mr. Santos?

19 MR. SANTOS: No, thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Ms. Connery?

21 MS. CONNERY: No, thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: This concludes the Board's
23 opening remarks. At this time I would like to begin
24 with the first order of business [REDACTED]
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4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you. All right, so
5 with that, I will move to closing comments, and I have
6 none.
7 Mr. Hamilton?
8 MR. HAMILTON: None.
9 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Ms. Roberson?
10 MS. ROBERSON: No, sir. Thank you.
11 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Mr. Santos?
12 MR. SANTOS: I want to thank the fellow Board
13 members for support of this closed meeting and the
14 discussions expressed that we had today, and I look
15 forward to similar forums in the future. I think to me
16 this was effective. So, thank you.
17 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: You're welcome.
18 Ms. Connery?
19 MS. CONNERY: No comment.
20 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you. Thank you. As a
21 reminder, the Board and staff are prohibited from
22 publicly disclosing information described in draft or
23 final recommendations. This prohibition applies to
24 information learned during the course of this meeting or
25 by review of the meeting transcript, related documents

1 or other sources. This prohibition shall remain in
 2 effect until receipt of a final recommendation by the
 3 Secretary or the Board otherwise makes an affirmative
 4 decision to release information.

5 This concludes the closed meeting. We are
 6 adjourned.

7 (Whereupon, at 11:29 a.m., the meeting was
 8 adjourned.)

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