



## DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Washington, DC 20004-2901

Wednesday, September 6, 2023

Re: Nonpublic Collaborative Discussion held pursuant to Section 313 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended

Present: Joyce Connery, Chair  
Thomas Summers, Vice Chair  
Jessie Roberson, Board Member  
Katherine Herrera, Acting Executive Director of Operations  
Kevin Lyskowski, General Counsel  
Timothy Dwyer, Acting Technical Director  
James Biggins, General Manager  
Tara Tadlock, Associate Director of Board Operations  
Joe Gilman, Deputy General Counsel  
Eric Fox, Associate General Counsel  
Patricia Hargrave, Associate General Counsel  
Dan O'Connor, Associate General Counsel

Topic: Board deliberations regarding the use of formal safety investigations in the Board's oversight mission.

Summary of matters and key issues discussed, prepared by General Counsel Kevin Lyskowski:

On September 6, 2023, the Board held a nonpublic collaborative discussion regarding the statutes, regulations, and policies that govern how the agency conducts formal safety investigations and what changes might be necessary in the future. Key issues discussed by the Board included: (1) the circumstances in which a formal safety investigation is appropriate; (2) roles and responsibilities of agency personnel in formal safety investigations; and (3) appropriate confidentiality protections for individuals who provide information to the agency in the context of a formal safety investigation.