In the Matter of:

Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board

October 23, 2018 Closed Board Meeting

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3		3	CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Good afternoon. My name is
4	DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD	4	Bruce Hamilton and I am the Chairman of the Defense
5		5	Nuclear Facilities Safety Board. I will preside over
6		6	today's closed meeting. With me are my colleagues on
7		7	the Board, Board Member Jessie Roberson, Board Member
8	CLOSED BOARD MEETING	8	Daniel Santos and Board Member Joyce Connery. We four
9		9	constitute the Board.
10		10	Having established a quorum of Board members,
11	OCTOBER 23, 2018	11	this closed meeting will now come to order. Mr. Joseph
12		12	Gilman, the Board's associate general counsel, will
13	COE Tradiana Proposa NIII	13	serve as the Board's Executive Secretary for the
14	625 Indiana Avenue, NW	14	meeting.
15	Washington, DC 20004	15	This closed meeting was publicly announced on
16 17		16	September 26th, 2018, on the Board's public website. On
18		17 18	October 3, the Board, by unanimous consent, rescheduled this meeting from October 9th to today. The date was
19		19	announced on October 4 on the Board's public website.
20		20	Notice for this meeting and the change of date were
21		20	published in the Federal Register on October 4 and
22		22	October 11, respectively.
23		23	The Board has closed the meeting to the public
24		24	per the provisions of the Government and the Sunshine
25		25	Act, as well as the Board's regulations implementing the
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1	APPEARANCES	1	Sunshine Act and the Board's operating procedures for
2		2	meetings.
3	DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD:	3	This closed meeting concerns member
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closing comments from Board members, the meeting will

This concludes my opening remarks in my capacity as Chairman. I will now turn to the Board members for their opening remarks. Ms. Roberson?

BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: None. Thank you. CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you, Ms. Roberson. Mr. Santos?

BOARD MEMBER SANTOS: No.

10 CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Okay. Thank you, 11

Mr. Santos.

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Ms. Connery? BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: So I just have a quick opening remark, and that is for the first time in a while, we're having a closed meeting where we actually have full recommendations and not simply outlines in front of us, which I think is a great opportunity for us to exercise our deliberation muscles, because this is one of the places where we can actually do that. So for me personally, what I'm looking forward to in this meeting, in so much as we've had a chance to review some of these draft recommendations, is the opportunity to

more time. For example, today, I received a document on one, and I had enough time to study it. I cannot say the same for the other two, which I got yesterday and today. So there's very little I can contribute other than general philosophical discussion, which I will do. Had we had more time, I think, from my perspective, absolutely we should get into the details.

So unfortunately, while it's a good step forward that we have them in front of us, I just haven't had the time to review them. So for future closed meetings, we should plan better, better coordination with the tech staff, to give us at least a week in advance, not a few hours in advance. That's all.

CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Santos. Ms. Roberson?

BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: Yes, sir. I wasn't going to make any comments, but I will say --

BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: Open the flood gates. BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: Well, no, I think to some degree, I want to be fair to the staff in that I proposed we move it to this date. And my plan was not necessarily catch all three, but to catch whatever we had. And the fact that we have them is great, but one of them wasn't actually due until the -- is today the

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recommendations under consideration. That would help me immensely so we don't get into a situation in which we are, you know, arguing over amendments at a later date if we can all come to consensus on the general

hear from other Board members where they think they

have an understanding of the trajectory of each of the

might be going with Orange Folder comments so that we

trajectory of each of the items.

I also think we should probably have a discussion globally of the fact that not only are we reviewing three actual draft recommendations, we're reviewing three recommendations, which is significant in the numbers, as we haven't actually sent a recommendation to the Department since 2015. We've had a couple of drafts that never went forward, but in the happy circumstance that we send all three draft recommendations, there may be a conversation that we should have about time and trajectory given that while we haven't overwhelmed our system, which I think is pretty amazing, I also am mindful of the fact how this will be received by the Department and we ought to at least have a strategic discussion about that. So those are my opening remarks.

CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you, Ms. Connery. And Mr. Santos has another opening remark.

BOARD MEMBER SANTOS: Yeah, I would like to comment. First of all, I agree with Ms. Connery, and I hope in the future we can continue to do give ourselves

BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: Tomorrow.

BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: Tomorrow. So I agree with you, Mr. Santos, but I didn't propose this date assuming we would have all of them. I did assume we would have two in time to review.

BOARD MEMBER SANTOS: So I agree with your statement, I just want to have the flexibility to move our date so that we could have more meaningful discussions.

BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: Yes. CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: And by the way, the one , so --

CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you. This concludes the Board's opening remarks.

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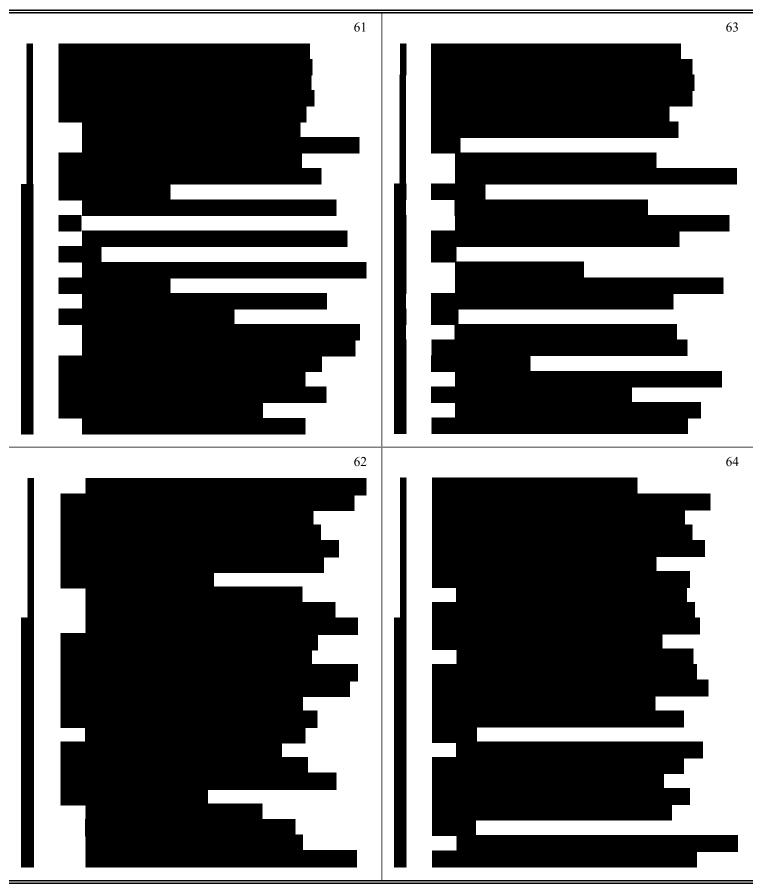
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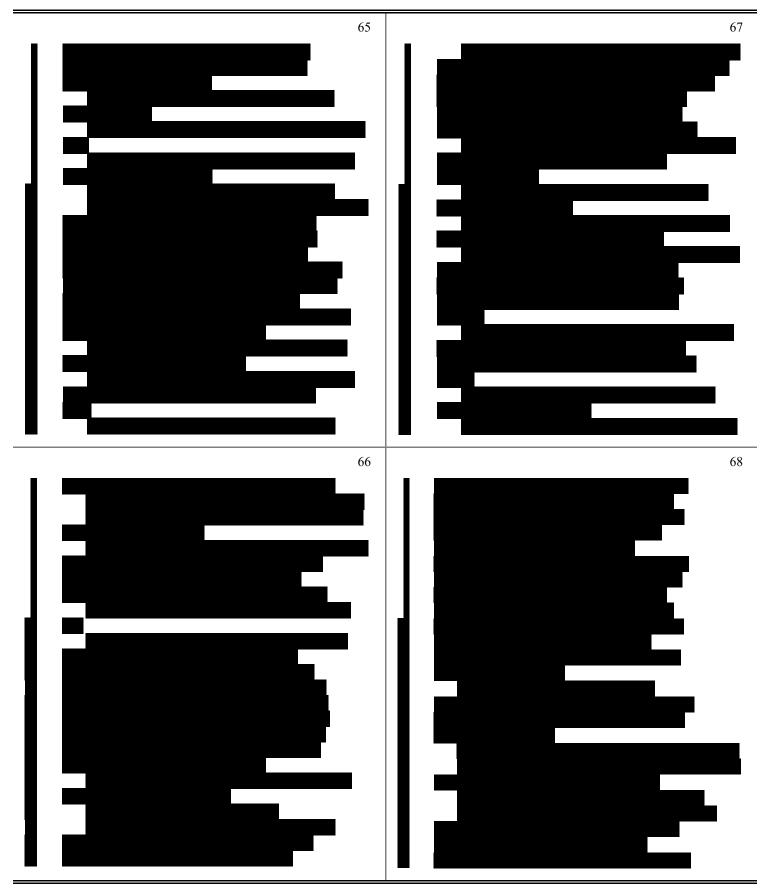
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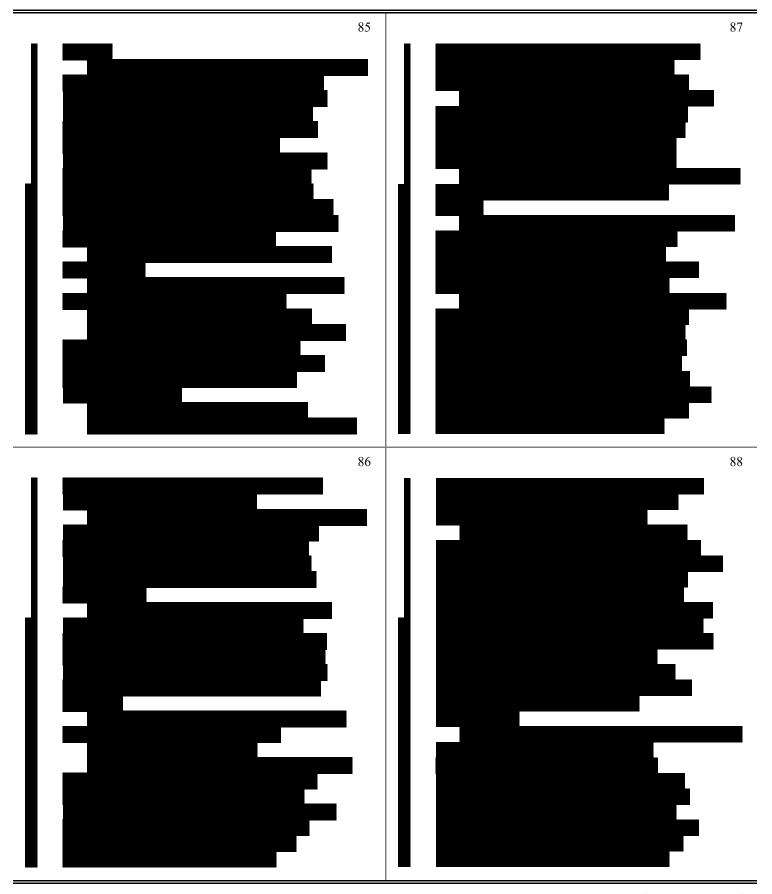
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CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Ms. Roberson?
BOARD MEMBER ROBERSON: Yeah, I mean, I echo what's already been said. I can't say it too much. I'm very interested, since this is really the most we're discussing the -- one of our most critical tools, I am interested to see -- use it as a way of seeing if we can simplify our interactions, and a lot will depend on how the staff reacts.

I say to the technical director, if they want less red in documents, let's see if we can communicate at a higher level and get the products we need. So I'm excited to see if we can modify our process a little bit.

CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: All right. And I had one comment, and that is, and I think we all know this, but we've got three, potentially four, potentially five recommendations bubbling up. We have to be mindful of

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CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Okay. Thank you. All right. We will now move to closing comments.

Mr. Santos?

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BOARD MEMBER SANTOS: I really appreciated this forum. I think this is an opportunity for us to address some of our challenges that we've been getting in multiple reports. And I look forward to this type of forum.

CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Ms. Connery?
BOARD MEMBER CONNERY: I hope that the outcomes are as good as the dialogue. I will put in the UC.
CHAIRMAN HAMILTON: Thank you.

BOARD MEMBER CONNERY:

the bandwidth and rhythm of the staff, that we allow enough time between each of them to be developed properly, or else we'll end up having products that are going to require even more and more comments. So we need -- we need to restrain ourselves if we see a whole bunch of things and give Mr. Roscetti and his team at least a chance to catch their breath.

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This concludes the closed meeting. We are adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 3:55 p.m., the closed meeting was adjourned.)

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