

**In the Matter of:**

**Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board**

*July 18, 2017*  
*Closed Board Meeting*

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3 AGENDA ITEM: PAGE:  
4 Chairman's Opening Remarks 4  
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6 Board's Opening Remarks None  
7 [REDACTED]  
8 [REDACTED] 6  
9 [REDACTED] 15  
10 Board Closing Remarks 42  
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12 Adjournment 44  
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A P P E A R A N C E S

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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 JOYCE L. CONNERY, Board Member  
8 JAMES P. BIGGINS, General Counsel  
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24 REPORTED BY:  
25 Sally Jo Quade, CERT, Reporter

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Good morning. My name is  
4 Sean Sullivan and I am chairman of the Defense Nuclear  
5 Facilities Safety Board. I will preside over today's  
6 closed meeting. With me today are three of my  
7 colleagues on the board, Vice Chairman Bruce Hamilton,  
8 Board Member Jessie Roberson and Board Member Joyce  
9 Connery. Board Member Daniel Santos is not currently  
10 present. We five constitute the board.  
11 Having established a quorum of Board members,  
12 this closed meeting will now come to order. Mr. James  
13 Biggins, the Board's general counsel, will serve as the  
14 Board's executive secretary for the meeting.  
15 This closed meeting was announced on June 15th,  
16 2017 on the Board's public website. It was subsequently  
17 noticed in the Federal Register on June 27th, 2017. The  
18 Board has closed the meeting to the public per the  
19 provisions of the Government and Sunshine Act as well as  
20 the Board's regulations implementing the Sunshine Act  
21 and the Board's operating procedures for meetings.  
22 This closed meeting concerns member  
23 deliberations pertaining to the development and  
24 formulation of potential Board recommendations to the  
25 Secretary of Energy. The Board's compliance with

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1 statutory provisions permitting the closure of this  
2 meeting has been stated in the Board's Federal Register  
3 notice. Additional documentation related to this  
4 meeting is available on our website, www.DNFSB.gov.

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

14 Pursuant to the specific agenda, the Board will  
15 deliberate and question staff on matters regarding  
16 [REDACTED]. Following each item on  
17 the agenda, I will summarize the outcome of the  
18 discussion and the general counsel will summarize any  
19 staff tasking and Board votes. After an opportunity for  
20 closing comments from Board members, the meeting will  
21 adjourn.

22 This concludes my opening remarks in my capacity  
23 as Chairman and I have no opening remarks in my  
24 individual capacity.

25 Turning my fellow Board members, Mr. Hamilton?

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1 MR. HAMILTON: No opening remarks, Mr. Chairman.

2 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you. Ms. Roberson?

3 MS. ROBERSON: No opening remarks.

4 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: Thank you.

5 Ms. Connery?

6 MS. CONNERY: No opening remarks.

7 CHAIRMAN SULLIVAN: This concludes the Board's  
8 opening remarks.

9 At this time, I would like to begin with the  
10 first order of business on the agenda, Board member  
11 deliberations and questions to staff regarding [REDACTED]

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