

**DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**

**Sunshine Act Notice**

**AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board**

**ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. § 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board’s (Board) public hearing and meeting described below. The Board will conduct a public hearing and meeting pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2286b and invites any interested persons or groups to present any comments, technical information, or data concerning safety issues related to the matters to be considered.

**TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:** 9:00 a.m., May 12, 2010.

**PLACE:** Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing Room, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004-2001. Additionally, as a part of the Board’s E-Government initiative, the meeting will be presented live through Internet video streaming. A link to the presentation will be available on the Board’s web site ([www.dnfsb.gov](http://www.dnfsb.gov)).

**STATUS:** Open. While the Government in the Sunshine Act does not require that the scheduled discussion be conducted in a meeting, the Board has determined that an open meeting in this specific case furthers the public interests underlying both the Sunshine Act and the Board’s enabling legislation.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** This is the second in a series of public meetings to examine the Department of Energy’s (DOE) implementation of Recommendation

2004-1, *Oversight of Complex, High-Hazard Nuclear Operations*. The Board is reviewing DOE's and the National Nuclear Security Administration's (NNSA) current oversight and safety management of the contracts and contractors they rely upon to accomplish the mission assigned to DOE and NNSA under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, at defense nuclear facilities. We will focus on what impact DOE's and NNSA's new initiatives, including changes to DOE directives, contractor oversight, and governance, may have upon assuring adequate protection of the health and safety of the public and workers at DOE's defense nuclear facilities. Over the next several months, we will conduct a series of public meetings to collect information needed to understand and address any health or safety concerns that may require Board Action.

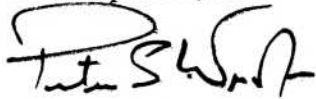
In the May 12th meeting, the Board will explore in more depth federal safety management and oversight policies being developed by DOE and NNSA for defense nuclear facilities. DOE and NNSA senior leaders will articulate their views on the role of line and independent oversight to safely accomplish their work at defense nuclear facilities. The Board will examine DOE's and NNSA's new approach to federal oversight and its relationship to contractor assurance systems. The public hearing portion of this proceeding is authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 2286b.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Brian Grosner, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004-2901, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Requests to speak at the hearing may be submitted in writing or by telephone. The Board asks that commentators describe the nature and scope of their oral presentation. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on May 11, 2010, will be scheduled for time slots, beginning at approximately 12:00 p.m. The Board will post a schedule for those speakers who have contacted the Board before the hearing. The posting will be made at the entrance to the Public Hearing Room at the start of the 9:00 a.m. hearing and meeting. Anyone who wishes to comment or provide technical information or data may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in

addition to, making an oral presentation. The Board Members may question presenters to the extent deemed appropriate. Documents will be accepted at the meeting or may be sent to the Board's Washington, DC, office. The Board will hold the record open until June 12, 2010, for the receipt of additional materials. A transcript of the meeting will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Board's Washington office and at DOE's public reading room at the DOE Federal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585. The Board specifically reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of the meeting and hearing, to recess, reconvene, postpone, or adjourn the meeting and hearing, conduct further reviews, and otherwise exercise its power under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Date: April 22, 2010

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter S. Winokur". The signature is stylized with a large initial "P" and a long horizontal stroke.

**Peter S. Winokur, Ph.D.**  
**Chairman.**