

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting and Hearing.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. § 552b), and as authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 2286b, notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board’s (Board) public meeting and hearing described below. The Board 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: Session I: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., October 22, 2013;
Session II: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., October 22, 2013.

PLACE: Knoxville Convention Center, 701 Henley Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

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 Government in the Sunshine Act and the Board’s enabling legislation.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: In Session I of this public meeting and hearing, the Board will receive testimony from the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and its contractor concerning the safety-related risks associated with continued operation of aging

defense nuclear facilities at the Y-12 National Security Complex. The Board will examine near-term and long-term risk assessment and mitigation efforts, including NNSA's progress since the Board's October 2, 2012, public meeting and hearing concerning improving the integration of safety into the design of the Uranium Capabilities Replacement Project, formerly known as the Uranium Processing Facility Project. In Session II, the Board will discuss Y-12's emergency planning, response, and oversight capabilities for severe events, including the condition and survivability of emergency response facilities. The Board will also discuss the safety of nuclear operations, specifically focused on key safety initiatives to improve conduct of operations and work planning, as well as the importance of robust oversight to sustain long-term improvements.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Marcelyn Atwood, 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: Public participation in the hearing is invited. The Board is setting aside time at the end of each session of the hearing for presentations and comments from the public. Requests to speak may be submitted in writing or by telephone. The Board asks that commenters describe the nature and scope of their oral presentations. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on October 18, 2013, will be scheduled to speak at the session of the hearing most relevant to their presentations. At the beginning of Session I, the Board will post a schedule for speakers at the entrance to the hearing room. 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 hearing or may be sent to the Board's Washington, DC office. The Board will hold the record open until November 22, 2013, for the receipt of additional materials. The hearing 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). A transcript of the hearing, along with a DVD video recording, will be made available by the Board for inspection and viewing 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: August 8, 2013

Peter S. Winokur,
Chairman.

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