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14 JUNE 3, 2015
15 3:00 p.m.
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17 DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD
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1 CLOSED BOARD MEETING
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3 (3:02 p.m.)
4 MR. SANTOS: Good afternoon. My name is Daniel
5 Santos, and I'm a member of the Defense Nuclear
6 Facilities Safety Board. I will preside over this closed
7 meeting. With me today are my colleagues on the Safety
8 Board. Seated to my immediate right is Ms. Jessie
9 Roberson, the Board's Vice Chairman. Seated to my left
10 is Mr. Sean Sullivan. We three constitute the Board.
11 Also sitting -- to Mr. Sullivan is John
12 Batherson, the Board's Acting General Counsel, who shall
13 serve as the Board Executive Secretary for this meeting.
14 Having established a quorum of three Board
15 members, this closed meeting will now come to order.
16 This closed meeting was announced on May 18, 2015, on the
17 Board's public website. It was also subsequently noticed
18 in the Federal Register on May 20th and May 26th, 2015.
19 The meeting is closed to the public per the
20 provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, also
21 known as the Sunshine Act, as well as the Board's
22 regulations implementing the Sunshine Act and the Board's
23 operating procedures for meetings.
24 The Board is invoking Exception 3 to close the
25 meeting as authorized under 5 U.S. Code 552(b)(c)(3) and

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1 10 CFR 1704.4(c). The Board has determined that it is
2 necessary to close the meeting to the public since
3 conducting an open meeting is likely to disclose matters
4 that are specifically exempted from disclosure by
5 statute. Specifically, the deliberations will pertain to
6 potential recommendations, which, under 42 USC 2286(d)(b)
7 and (h)(3), may not be made publicly available until
8 after they have been received by the Secretary of Energy
9 or the President, respectively. The Acting General
10 Counsel has certified closure of this meeting under
11 Exception 3.
12 The Board is recording this proceeding through
13 a verbatim transcript and video recording. This closed
14 meeting concerns member deliberations pertaining to the
15 development or formulation of potential Board
16 recommendations to the Secretary of Energy.
17 As a reminder to those staff who are privy to
18 these proceedings, the Board and its staff are prohibited
19 from publicly disclosing information relating to the
20 development and formulation of our recommendation prior
21 to receipt of that final recommendation by the Secretary
22 of Energy. Specifically, you are prohibited from
23 disclosing, reproducing, or disseminating to any person
24 or entity outside the agency any information you might
25 learn concerning potential Board recommendations as a

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1 result of this closed meeting.
2 This prohibition applies to information you may
3 learn during the course of the meeting, and it also
4 applies to information you may learn after the meeting by
5 review of the transcript, related documents, or from
6 other sources. Disclosure of such information will be
7 viewed as a violation of the Board's enabling legislation
8 and could subject you to adverse personnel action.
9 Now the Board will discuss the following
10 potential recommendations:

16 The Board should not
17 this closed meeting on procedural aspects of
18 recommendations that are not coupled to a particular
19 recommendation. A copy of the closed meeting agenda is
20 posted on the Board's public website.
21 This concludes my opening remarks. I will now
22 turn to the Board members for their opening remarks.
23 Vice Chairman Roberson.
24 MS. ROBERSON: No comments, Mr. Santos.
25 MR. SANTOS: Thank you, Vice Chairman.

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1 Mr. Sullivan?
2 MR. SULLIVAN: No comments.
3 MR. SANTOS: This concludes the Board's opening
4 remarks. At this time, I would like to begin with the
5 first order of business of the agenda

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 2 MR. SANTOS: Any final comments on this topic?
 3 MS. ROBERSON: I don't have any additional.
 4 MR. SANTOS: Okay.
 5 Okay, any other comments on any other previous
 6 topics?
 7 MS. ROBERSON: No, sir.
 8 MR. SULLIVAN: No.
 9 MR. SANTOS: Okay, having completed each of the
 10 closed meeting topics, I would like to thank everybody
 11 for their participation in this closed meeting. Again,
 12 one last chance, do the Board members have any final
 13 comments on anything associated with the topic of this
 14 meeting?
 15 MS. ROBERSON: No, sir, I don't, Mr. Santos.
 16 MR. SANTOS: Thank you, Madam Vice Chairman.
 17 Mr. Sullivan?
 18 MR. SULLIVAN: Yes. I think it was a useful
 19 exercise and I look forward to doing it again regularly.
 20 MR. SANTOS: Thank you, Mr. Sullivan.
 21 As a final reminder, all of you who have been
 22 privy to this proceeding or who may later gain access to
 23 information discussed here are under a nondisclosure
 24 obligation and are prohibited from disclosing,
 25 reproducing, or disseminating to any person or entity

1 outside the agency any information you have learned here
 2 today concerning potential Board recommendation.
 3 This concludes the Defense Nuclear Facilities
 4 Safety Board closed meeting. The meeting is adjourned.
 5 (Whereupon, the closed board meeting was
 6 adjourned at 4:25 p.m.)
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