

DRAFT PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

The Board over the next few months will be focusing sharply on the QA programs of DOE's contractors. We will be doing so at a series of public meetings at which this subject will be aired. The objective is to critically examine the Department's QA programs with the idea of improvement. The first meeting will be held on March 28, 2001, using a panel format with a panel of experts familiar with practices in the chemical industry, the commercial nuclear sector, and the aeronautics industry. Those within the DOE who drafted the Department's recently issued rule on QA will be asked to explain the rationale for the framework of requirements established therein. The March public meeting will be used as the backdrop for public meetings tentatively scheduled for May and July, 2001. In these subsequent public meetings, the Board will explore in more depth the QA programs put in place by the Department's contractors, and review the results of the Department's critical self-assessments currently in progress. The Board's interest is in both hardware and software QA.

Preliminary Draft Agenda

DRAFT AGENDA - March 7, 2001
Briefing to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board)
on
Quality Assurance

March 28, 2001

9:00	Opening Remarks.	Chairman Conway
9:05	Board Member's Perspective on Engineering Quality into Safety Systems.	Mr. Joseph DiNunno Board Member
9:35	Panel Presentations and Discussions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality Assurance Programs in the Chemical Industry. (20 minutes)	Mr. Bob Perry, Staff Consultant, Center for Chemical Process Safety
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality Assurance - Nuclear Industry Perspective. (20 minutes)	TBD (Representative of ASME)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NASA Quality Assurance Programs and Lessons Learned. (20 minutes)	Mr. Thomas Whitmeyer Mgr. Agency Quality Assurance Program
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussions between Panel and the Board	
11:20	DOE QA Policy and Requirements	TBD - Mr. Richard Black and others as appropriate.
11:50	Discussion of Agenda for next Meeting on Quality Assurance.	Mr. DiNunno
11:55	Final Remarks and Adjourn Board Member	Chairman Conway