

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Pursuant to the provision 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) meeting described below.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 9:00 a.m., October 23, 1997.

PLACE: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board Public Hearing Room, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20004.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board will convene the fifth quarterly briefing to receive the Department of Energy's progress report, and DNFSB staff views, on activities associated with the Department's implementation efforts for the Board's Recommendation 95-2, Integrated Safety Management ("ISM"). DOE is scheduled to brief the Board on the current status of:

- ISM Program development, including implementation at the ten priority sites, with a focus on the status of interim safety management bases and progress on DOE commitments;
- Contract reform commitments and the new Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation (DEAR) clauses implementing Recommendation 95-2, actual use of these DEAR clauses in current contracts or RFPs, enforcement of safety requirements in contracts, specification of financial incentives and penalties in contracts based on safety performance;
- Functions, Responsibilities, and Authorities Manuals, including a path forward for issue resolution; and
- Authorization Agreement guidance development.

Additionally, DOE is scheduled to brief the Board on:

- Contract enforcement provisions and practices for safety terms in contracts; and
- The bases for provisions in completed Authorization Agreements.

The Board's staff will brief the Board on the staff's views on the content and purposes of Authorization Agreements, and its views on existing DOE Authorization Agreements.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of this meeting, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, and otherwise exercise its authority under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

DATED: August 22, 1997.

John T. Conway,

Chairman.