

DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

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) meeting, described below. The Board will also conduct a public hearing pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286b to evaluate the readiness of the Department of Energy (DOE) to safely start up and operate the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF) for radioactive sludge operations only.

TIME AND DATE: 5:00 PM, March 11, 1996.

PLACE: The Conference Center (Municipal Auditorium), 214 Park Avenue, S.W., Aiken, South Carolina. The entrance to the facility is located at 215 The Alley.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Safety issues related to commencement of radioactive sludge operations at DWPF.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting agenda is as follows:

- 5:00 - Introductory comments by Mr. John T. Conway, Chairman.
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- 5:10 - Discussion by Dr. Mario Fiori, Manager of DOE Savannah River
5:30 Operations Office - affirm DOE-SR position on state of readiness of
PM DWPF for sludge-only operations.
- 5:30 - Discussion by Mr. Frank McCoy, DOE-SR Assistant Manager for
5:50 Environment, Safety, Health and Quality Assurance, on the Savannah
PM River Site Integrated Standards-Based Safety Management Program
and its application at DWPF.
- 5:50 - Discussion by Mr. Austin Scott, Vice President of HLW Operations,
6:10 WSRC - ability of WSRC to safely startup and operate DWPF for
PM sludge-only operations.
- 6:10 - Discussion by Mr. Peter Graeff, WSRC ORR Chairman - WSRC
6:30 ORR evaluation, conclusions, and perspectives.
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6:50 PM Discussion by Mr. Joe King, DOE ORR Chairman - DOE ORR evaluation, conclusions, and perspectives.

6:50 - 7:10 PM Discussion by Mr. Dave Lowe, Board Technical Staff, providing introduction and history of Board involvement and review at DWPF.

7:10 - 7:30 PM Discussion by Mr. Joe Sanders of Board Technical Staff efforts on DWPF and explanation of Safety Authorization Basis review methodology used.

7:30 - 8:30 PM Board Technical Staff panel presentation of significant topical areas and response to Board member questions.

8:30 PM - Close Scheduled presentations by interested public.

Requests to speak at the hearing may be submitted in writing or by telephone. We ask that commentators describe the nature and scope of the oral presentation. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on March 8, 1996, will be scheduled for time slots, beginning at approximately 8:30 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 Conference Center, at the start of the 5:00 p.m. hearing.

Anyone who wishes to comment, 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. The Board will hold the record open until March 25, 1996, for the receipt of additional materials.

A transcript of this proceeding will be made available by the Board for inspection by the public at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington office and at the Gregg-Graniteville Library, 171 University Parkway, University of South Carolina, Aiken, SC 29801.

The Board reserves its right to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of the meeting and hearing, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, to extend the time for receipt of additional materials, and otherwise exercise its power under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: February 27, 1996

John T. Conway,
Chairman.