

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., **March** 28,2001.

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 **Department** of Energy (DOE) requires contractors at defense nuclear facilities to develop and implement quality assurance programs to ensure the requisite quality of operations, products, and **services**. Activities required to be conducted under established quality assurance programs extend from scientific studies, to the **design** of **new** facilities, operations of facilities, and deactivation of defense nuclear facilities and directly affect safety-related systems and operations. Notwithstanding contract and rule requirements concerning quality assurance, there is evidence that quality assurance programs at defense nuclear facilities are not consistently achieving their quality objectives,

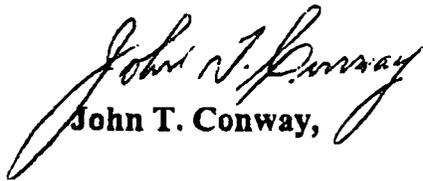
The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (Board) intends to hold a series of open meetings on the topic of quality assurance **within** the DOE nuclear defense activities.

Board inquiries will address (1) the current framework of DOE quality assurance programs relative to industry standards, **and** (2) results of DOE assessments of contractor implementation of quality assurance requirements.

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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: March 1,2001.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Conway". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

John T. Conway,

Chairman.