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## 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, regarding DOE's efforts to attract and retain scientific and technical personnel who are qualified to provide the management, direction, and guidance essential to safe operation of DOE's defense nuclear facilities.

**TIME AND DATE:** January 23, 1996, 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, Public Hearing Room, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Board, acting pursuant to its enabling statute, issued Recommendation 93-3 designed to foster strong endorsement, involvement, and guidance by the DOE's top management in developing programs targeted at upgrading competence of the DOE's staff. The Secretary of Energy has accepted this Recommendation. The Board will hold a public meeting to review DOE's progress in developing the programs and the several initiatives needed to raise the technical competency of DOE staff.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Kenneth M. Pusateri, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board has a responsibility to ensure that health and safety of the public, including the workers, at DOE defense nuclear facilities are adequately protected. In doing so, the Board has looked to DOE to maintain high-quality technical expertise to deal with the potential hazards inherent in nuclear materials production, processing, and manufacturing within the DOE's defense nuclear complex. The Board's concern for the DOE's technical expertise is long

standing. In several of its annual reports the Board has observed that:

"\* \* \* the most important and far-reaching problem affecting the safety of DOE defense nuclear facilities is the difficulty in attracting and retaining personnel who are adequately qualified by technical education and experience to provide the kind of management, direction, and guidance essential to safe operation of DOE's defense nuclear facilities."

The Board's most comprehensive effort to improve DOE's technical capability at its defense nuclear facilities was expressed in Recommendation 93-3, dated June 1, 1993. In that Recommendation, the Board stated:

"Nuclear weapons development and production have progressed over the years from early efforts of a small group of highly talented, ingenious individuals in scientific laboratories to employment of thousands of workers in industrial-type production environments. While the national response to today's changing international scene is resulting in downsizing of the nuclear stockpile and a change in mission of many of the defense nuclear facilities, the need remains for continuing vigilance to protect public and worker health and safety. In fact, a case can be made for the need for greater vigilance now throughout the weapons complex because of increased risk of equipment mishaps in aged facilities, loss of existing technical expertise through attrition and downsizing, and a reduced inclination for young engineers and scientists to get involved in the nuclear weapons field.

"Nevertheless, the level of scientific and technical expertise in the DOE of defense nuclear facilities and operations had been declining."

Recommendation 93-3, in its entirety, is on file in DOE's Public Reading Rooms, at the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's Washington office, and on the Internet through access to the Board's electronic bulletin board at the following address: WWW.DNFSB.GOV. It is also set forth in the Federal Register at 58 FR 32109.

In accord with the statute establishing the Board, a public meeting will be conducted to lay the groundwork for a full assessment of the DOE's initiatives to deal with the problem of attracting and retaining technical personnel with exceptional qualifications. To assist the Board and inform the public, individual Board members will present their views, and the Board's staff will brief the Board on related topics, including, but not limited to:

1. Current level of technical expertise within selected DOE programs at defense nuclear facilities.
2. Board initiatives to identify and alleviate shortcomings in DOE technical capability.
3. DOE's use of excepted service personnel authority to acquire highly-qualified technical and scientific personnel.
4. Board staff's current assessment of the acquisition of highly-qualified DOE technical and scientific personnel and DOE's program to improve technical expertise of incumbents.

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.

The Board reserves its rights to further schedule and otherwise regulate the course of this meeting and hearing, to recess, reconvene, postpone or adjourn the meeting, and otherwise exercise its power under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Dated: January 11, 1996.

John T. Conway,

*Chairman.*

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## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** Forwarded to the Federal Register on Wednesday, January 3, 1996.

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING:** 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 10, 1996.

**CHANGES IN THE MEETING: DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE OPEN AND CLOSED MEETINGS WERE CANCELED.**

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204.

Dated: January 11, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 22, 1996.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street

entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Federal Reserve Bank and Branch director appointments.
2. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.
3. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: January 11, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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**FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT IN REGARD TO COMMISSION MEETINGS AND HEARINGS:** The Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, pursuant to its regulations (45 CFR Part 504), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of open meetings and oral hearings for the transaction of Commission business and other matters specified, as follows:

**DATE AND TIME:** Fri., Jan. 19, 1995 at 10:30 a.m.

**SUBJECT MATTER:** Consideration of proposed decisions on claims against Albania.

All meetings are held at the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street NW., Washington, DC. Requests for information, or advance notices of intention to observe a meeting may be directed to: Administrative Officer, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, 600 E Street NW., Room 6002, Washington, DC 20579. Telephone: (202) 616-6988.

Dated at Washington, DC on January 11, 1996.

Jeanette Matthews,

*Administrative Assistant.*

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**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**TIME AND DATE:** Friday, January 5, 1996 at 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. The Chairman's proposal for the Fiscal Years 1996 and 1997 Staffing and Expenditure Plans, and the Reduction-In-Force related to the Fiscal Year 1996 Plans.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Donna R. Koehnke, Secretary, (202) 205-2000.

Issued: January 4, 1996.

Donna R. Koehnke,

*Secretary.*

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on January 17, 1996, 9:00 a.m.,

at the Board's meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

- (1) Special Management Improvement Plan Progress Report: Fiscal Year 1995
- (2) Draft Language to Amend RRA Provision
- (3) RailTex Trac Company, Inc.—Request for Waiver of Retroactive RUIA Contributions
- (4) Organizational Structure of the Office of General Counsel
- (5) Chairmanship of the Combined Federal Campaign and U.S. Savings Bond Drives
- (6) Performance Appraisal Plans for Bureau and Office Directors Reporting to the Director of Programs

The entire meeting will be open to the public. The person to contact for more information is Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. 312-751-4920.

Dated: January 8, 1996.

Beatrice Ezerski,

*Secretary to the Board.*

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**NOTIFICATION OF ITEM ADDED TO AGENDA: ON JANUARY 9, 1996, THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD ONE ITEM TO ITS AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 17, 1996 BOARD MEETING:**

7. Labor Member Truth in Budgeting Status Report.

Dated: January 9, 1996.

Beatrice Ezerski,

*Secretary to the Board.*

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