The Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) was established as an independent agency on September 29, 1988, by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2286-2286i).

The Board is composed of five members appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, from among United States citizens who are respected experts in the field of nuclear safety.

The DNFSB reviews and evaluates the content and implementation of standards for defense nuclear facilities of the Department of Energy (DOE); investigates any event or practice at these facilities which may adversely affect public health and safety; and reviews and monitors the design, construction, and operation of facilities. The Board makes recommendations to the Secretary of Energy concerning DOE defense nuclear facilities to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety. In the event that any aspect of operations, practices, or occurrences reviewed by the Board is determined to present an imminent or severe threat to public health and safety, the Board shall also transmit its recommendations directly to the President.
This schedule covers some of the program records of the Board. Additional schedules will follow after further review of Board records.

1. **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE)**

   Records include recommendations to the Secretary of Energy (SOE) for specific measures that should be adopted to protect the public health and safety at DOE defense nuclear facilities, and the SOE's response and implementation plan for the recommendation. Also, included are background documents to support the need for issuing a recommendation, miscellaneous correspondence between the Board and DOE concerning a particular recommendation, public comments concerning the recommendation or the SOE's response, progress reports from DOE concerning the implementation of a recommendation, and Federal Register Notices.

   Permanent. Cut-off files when recommendation is fully implemented. Retire to WNRC 2 years after cut-off. Transfer to NARA 20 years after cut-off.

   Arrangement: Chronological
   Accumulation on Hand: Approximately 2 cu. ft.
   Annual Accumulation: Approximately 1/2 cu. ft.

2. **ANNUAL-REPORT TO CONGRESS**

   Report provides information on the activities of the Board each year, which includes: recommendations made by the Board to the Department of Energy (DOE); improvements in the safety of DOE defense nuclear facilities, either as a result of DOE performance, or from actions taken by the Board; and outstanding safety problems at DOE defense nuclear facilities.

   Permanent. Transfer to NARA in 10 year blocks when the most recent records are 20 years old.

   Arrangement: Chronological
   Accumulation on Hand: Approximately 1/8 cu. ft.
   Annual Accumulation: Negligible
3. **MEETING FILES**

Complete record of public and closed meetings, briefings, and hearings held by the DNFSB to discuss and obtain information and comments from the Department of Energy (DOE) and the general public on public health and safety issues at DOE defense nuclear facilities. Closed meetings, briefings, and hearings are authorized under certain exemptions under the Sunshine Act. Files may include agendas, transcripts, testimony, presentation materials, documentation supporting issues, speaking rosters, and public comments.

*Permanent.* Cut-off at close of calendar year. Retire to WNRC when 2 years old. Transfer to NARA 20 years after cut-off.

Arrangement: Chronological
Accumulation on Hand: Approximately 3 cu. ft.
Annual Accumulation: Approximately 1 cu. ft.