

BASIS FOR CLOSING AND LATE NOTICE  
NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

On September 3, 2015 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the *ad hoc* Task Force on NEON Performance and Plans scheduled for Friday, September 4 at 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. EDT. No earlier notice was possible because of the need to respond to external events. The subject of the meeting is Task Force Chair’s opening remarks; review and discussion of the Task Force charge, and discussion of the status of the NEON project.

Board Members Drs. Córdova, Arvizu, Droegemeier, Peterson and Souvaine participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members voted “yes” to close the teleconference, and that there was adequate justification for holding the teleconference on short notice.

The Task Force members, other available NSB Members, the NSBO Liaison to the Task Force, NSB Executive Officer, NSB Counsel and senior staff from the Office of the Director, the Biology Directorate and NSB Office are expected to attend the closed teleconference meeting. The justification for closing the meeting is provided in the certificate below.

COUNSEL CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the teleconference meeting of the *ad hoc* Task Force on NEON Performance and Plans, scheduled for Friday, September 4, 2015 at 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. EDT regarding Committee Chair’s opening remarks; review and discussion of the Task Force charge, and discussion of the status of the NEON project is properly closed to the public pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (9) (B) because the premature disclosure of this information is likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions, and 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (6) regarding the disclosure of personal information where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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