

BASIS FOR CLOSING
NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD MEETING ON OCTOBER 23, 2015

On October 16, 2015 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the *ad hoc* Task Force on NEON scheduled for Thursday, October 23 at 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. EDT. The subject of the meeting: Task Force Chair’s remarks, review NPP Charge, interim update on NPP Task Force Activities, NSB/NPP Next Steps, Questions and Answers, and Task Force Chair’s closing remarks.

Board Members Drs. Arvizu, Córdova, Droegemeier, Peterson and Souvaine participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All participating members voted “yes” to close the teleconference.

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 Thursday, October 23, 2015 at 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., 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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