MEETING MINUTES

**Date**: December 16, 2010, 9:30 a.m. (EST)

**Project Presented**:**National Spherical Torus Experiment (NSTX) Upgrade Project (CD-2, Approve Performance Baseline)**

**Location**: Call with DOE Headquarters (Office of Science) and Princeton Site Office

**Attendees**:

# ESAAB-Equivalent Board

Edmund Synakowski, Acquisition Executive

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# Princeton Site Office

Jeff Makiel, FPD

Joe Arango

Tony Indelicato

**Minutes**:

Jeff Makiel, Federal Project Director, presented the National Spherical Torus Experiment (NSTX) Upgrade project being considered for Critical Decision (CD) 2, Approve Performance Baseline. The board did have one concern regarding the $1 million site rate. Dr. Synakowski suggested that Mr. Makiel contact the laboratory to have this charge waived. There were no additional issues with the NSTX Upgrade project’s CD-2 request, and the ESAAB Equivalent Board unanimously recommended approval; however the Dr. Synakowski (Acquisition Executive) will hold approval of the CD-2 document pending the outcome of the site charge issue.

The CD-2 approval was signed on December 20, 2010.