

Place: Room 1175, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Darleen Fisher, National Science Foundation, Room 1175, Arlington, VA 22230 (703-306-1950).

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review & evaluate proposals submitted for the Career Program.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552 b. (c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 12, 1996.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Systemic Reform; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Systemic Reform (#1765).

Dates and Times: 12:00 noon-6:30 p.m.; March 7, 1996, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; March 8, 1996.

Doubletree Hotel, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202. Phone: (703) 416-4100, FAX (703) 416-4126.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact: Dr. Richard J. Anderson, Head, Office of Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, National Science Foundation, Suite 875, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22203, (703) 306-1683.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF EPSCoR program for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate science and technology (S&T) proposals from states participating in the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. Proposals request support in one of two categories: (1) 12- to 24-month non-renewable EPSCoR Grant or (2) 36-month EPSCoR Cooperative Agreement. Proposals in both categories are submitted in response to NSF EPSCoR solicitation 95-141.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(b). (c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Nuclear Regulatory Commission Seeks Qualified Candidates for Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Request for résumés

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking qualified candidates for possible appointment to its Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW). One opening is expected on the committee in mid-1996.

ADDRESSES: Submit résumés to: Ms. Jude Himmelberg, Office of Personnel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL: 1-800-952-9678. Please refer to Announcement Number 96-1000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ACNW is a part-time advisory group established by the NRC in 1988 to provide independent technical review and advice on the disposal of nuclear waste, including all aspects of nuclear waste disposal facilities, as directed by the Commission. This advice covers activities related to licensing, operation and closure of high- and low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities and associated rulemakings, regulatory guides and NRC staff technical positions. The ACNW also reviews performance assessment evaluations of waste disposal facilities.

The committee interacts with representatives of the NRC, the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, the Department of Energy, other Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian Nations and private organizations as appropriate.

A wide variety of engineering and scientific skills are needed to conduct the broadly based reviews required in the committee's work. Engineers and scientists are needed with work experience in the high- and low-level radioactive waste disposal programs coupled with broad experience in a pertinent technical field, such as nuclear engineering and technology, nuclear fuel cycle analysis, nuclear chemistry, earth sciences, and materials science.

Individuals should have a minimum of 20 years' work experience in related

fields, or fields that can be applied directly to the work of the committee, and have achieved a level of distinction in their discipline. In addition, individuals must be able to devote approximately 50-100 days per year to committee business. Most meetings are held in Rockville, Maryland, although some additional travel is required to other sites.

Because conflict-of-interest regulations restrict the participation of members actively involved in areas related to nuclear waste disposal, the degree and nature of any such involvement will be weighed. Each qualified candidate's financial interests must be reconciled with applicable Federal and NRC rules and regulations before final appointment to the committee. This may result in the candidate being required to divest himself or herself of securities issued by nuclear industry entities, or discontinue or limit involvement in NRC or industry-funded research contracts or grants, based on a determination of possible conflicts of interest.

Copies of a résumé describing the educational and professional background of the candidate, including special accomplishments, professional references, current address, and telephone number should be provided. All qualified candidates will receive careful consideration. Appointment will be made without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or disabilities. Candidates must be citizens of the United States. Applications will be accepted until March 31, 1996.

Dated: February 9, 1996.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Renewal of Charter for Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Renewal of the Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee was established by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a Federal Advisory Committee in February 1988 to provide advice to the Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, on matters relating to NRC's nuclear safety research programs. The committee is composed of experts capable of providing a wide variety of technical and managerial viewpoints drawn from industrial national

laboratory, university and not-for-profit research organizations.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), and after consultation with the General Services Administration, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that there is a continuing need for the Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee and that renewal of the committee for a two year period beginning February 9, 1996 is in the public interest.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dr. Jose Cortez, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, (301) 415-6596.

Dated: February 9, 1996.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Charter, Nuclear Safety Research
Review Committee

1. Committee's Official Designation

NRC Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee (NSRRC).

2. Committee's Objectives, Scope of Activities, and Duties

On a continuing basis, NSRRC will provide advice to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research and through him the Commission, on matters of overall management importance in the direction of the NRC's program of nuclear safety research. Matters requiring NSRRC's attention will be posed by the Commission by the Director of the Research Office, or as an outcome of prior NSRRC deliberations. Nuclear safety research is understood to encompass technical investigations of the implications for public health and safety of the peaceful uses of atomic energy and the reduction of those investigations to regulatory practice.

NSRRC activities will include assessment of and recommendations concerning:

a. Conformance of the NRC nuclear safety research program to the NRC Philosophy of Nuclear Regulatory Research, as stated in the Committee's Strategic Plan, and to specific Commission directions.

b. Likelihood of the program meeting the needs of the users of research.

c. Appropriateness of the longer range research programs and the correctness of their direction.

d. Whether the best people are doing the work at the best places; whether there are other options, including cooperative programs, that would yield higher quality work, or otherwise improve program efficiency.

e. Whether the program is free of obvious bias, and whether the research products have been given adequate, unbiased peer review.

In addition, NSRRC will conduct specialized studies when requested by the Commission or the Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research. If appropriate, these studies will be published as reports.

3. Time Period Necessary for the Commission To Carry Out Its Purpose

In view of the goals and purposes of the Committee, it is expected to be continuing in nature.

4. Office of Whom This Committee Reports

The Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research and, as appropriate, through the Director of the Commission.

5. Agency Responsible for Providing Necessary Support for This Committee

Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Within the Commission, support will be furnished by the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

6. Description of Duties for Which the Committee Is Responsible

The duties of the NSRRC are solely advisory and are stated in paragraph 2, above.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Man-Years

\$185,000; 0.8 person-year.

8. Estimated Number and Frequency of Committee Meetings

The Committee will meet at such times and places as it deems necessary, but not less than once a year. Subcommittees may meet as deemed necessary to achieve their assigned tasks.

9. Committee's Termination Date

Two years from the filing date, subject to renewal by the Commission. See also, paragraph 3 above.

10. Members

a. Committee members, including the Chairperson, shall be appointed by the Commission following nomination by the Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

b. Approximate number of Committee members: 9 to 12.

c. Members will be chosen to ensure an appropriately balanced representation of the research management community, taking into account: (1) demonstrated experience in high-level management of programs in

applied research; (2) demonstrated expertise in one or more disciplines of applied science and engineering; (3) broad acquaintance with the public health and safety issues associated with the peaceful uses of atomic energy, and (4) a balance of experience in the academic, industrial, and national and not-for-profit laboratory environments.

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Advisory Committee Management Office.

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[Docket No. 50-261]

Carolina Power & Light Company; H.B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering issuance of an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, to Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L or the licensee), for H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit No. 2 (HBR), located in Darlington County, South Carolina.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption would allow the use of the diesel-backed security lighting system for access and egress to, and operation of, auxiliary feedwater (AFW) valves AFW-1 and AFW-104 and instrument air (IA) valve IA-297.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption is needed because failure to isolate valves AFW-1 and AFW-104 due to poor lighting could result in overfilling the condensate storage tank (CST) with service water after switchover of the AFW cooling source from the CST to the service water system.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption does not involve any measurable environmental impacts since the proposed lighting would provide adequate lighting to allow for operation of the safe shutdown equipment identified in the licensee's request. Plant configuration and operations are not changed. Thus, the proposed exemption would not affect the probability or consequences of a potential reactor accident and would not otherwise affect radiological plant effluents. Consequently, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological impacts