

Federal Official at the beginning of the meeting.

(b) Persons desiring to make oral statements at the meeting should make a request to do so to the Designated Federal Official. If possible, the request should be made five days before the meeting, identifying the topics to be discussed and the amount of time needed for presentation so that orderly arrangements can be made. The Committee will hear oral statements on topics being reviewed at an appropriate time during the meeting as scheduled by the Chairman.

(c) Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained by contacting the Chief of the Nuclear Waste Branch, ACNW (telephone: 301/415-7366) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Eastern Time.

(d) During the ACNW meeting presentations and discussions, questions may be asked by ACNW members, Committee consultants, NRC staff, and the ACNW staff.

(e) The use of still, motion picture, and television cameras will be permitted at the discretion of the Chairman and subject to the condition that the physical installation and presence of such equipment will not interfere with the conduct of the meeting. The Designated Federal Official will have to be notified prior to the meeting and will authorize the installation or use of such equipment after consultation with the Chairman. The use of such equipment will be restricted as is necessary to protect proprietary or privileged information that may be in documents, folders, etc., in the meeting room. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

(f) A transcript is kept for certain open portions of the meeting and will be available in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555, for use within one week following the meeting. A copy of the certified minutes of the meeting will be available at the same location on or before three months following the meeting. Copies may be obtained upon payment of appropriate reproduction charges. Transcripts of the meeting are available in electronic format from the NRC electronic bulletin board on FedWorld (800-303-9672) or ftp.fedworld. They are also available for downloading or reviewing on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

ACNW Working Group Meetings

ACNW Working Group meetings will also be conducted in accordance with these procedures, as appropriate. When Working Group meetings are held at locations other than at NRC facilities, reproduction facilities may not be available at a reasonable cost. Accordingly, 25 additional copies of the materials to be used during the meeting should be provided for distribution at such meetings.

Special Provisions When Proprietary Sessions are to be Held

If it is necessary to hold closed sessions for the purpose of discussing matters involving proprietary information, persons with agreements permitting access to such information may attend those portions of the ACNW meetings where this material is being discussed upon confirmation that such agreements are effective and related to the material being discussed.

The Designated Federal Official should be informed of such an agreement at least five working days prior to the meeting so that it can be confirmed, and a determination can be made regarding the applicability of the agreement to the material that will be discussed during the meeting. The minimum information provided should include information regarding the date of the agreement, the scope of material included in the agreement, the project or projects involved, and the names and titles of the persons signing the agreement. Additional information may be requested to identify the specific agreement involved. A copy of the executed agreement should be provided to the Designated Federal Official prior to the beginning of the meeting for admittance to the closed session.

Date: August 26, 1997.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of September 1, 8, 15, and 22, 1997.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of September 1

Wednesday, September 3

10:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)
A: Louisiana Energy Services
(Claiborne Enrichment Center);
Atomic Safety and Licensing Board
Partial Initial Decision (Resolving
Contentions B and J.3), LP-97-3
(Tentative)

Week of September 8—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 8.

Week of September 15—Tentative

Wednesday, September 17

9:00 a.m.

Briefing by DOE on Strategy for MOX
Fuel Fabrication and Irradiation
Services (Public Meeting), (Contact:
Ted Sherr, 301-415-7218)

10:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting),
(if needed)

Friday, September 19

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on Improvements in Senior
Management Assessment Process
for Operating Reactors (Public
Meeting), (Contact: Bill Borchardt,
301-415-1257)

1:30 p.m.

Briefing by DOE and NRC on
Regulatory Oversight of DOE
Nuclear Facilities (Public Meeting)

Week of September 22—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of September 22.

The schedule for Commission Meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill, (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, DC 20555, (301) 415-1661.

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: August 27, 1997.

Sandra M. Joosten,

Executive Assistant, Office of the Secretary.

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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Request for Comments

ACTION: Notice of request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), Pub. L. 103-62, codified in part at 31 U.S.C. 1115-1119, instructs federal agencies to develop performance goals and objectives in order that an agency's actual performance may be measured and compared against those goals and objectives, thus enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of an agency's work. In developing its goals and objectives under GPRA, the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission solicits the views of those who practice before it and those who are affected by its case dispositions.

DATES: Comments should be received by September 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to William J. Gainer, Executive Director, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, 1120 20th Street, N.W., 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-3419, telephone: 202-606-5380. This is not a toll-free number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William J. Gainer, Executive Director, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, 1120 20th Street, N.W., 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-3419, telephone: 202-606-5380. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GPRA charges federal agencies with formulating strategic plans, preparing annual plans setting performance goals, and reporting annually the actual agency performance compared to those goals. In formulating its broad goals, the Commission has sought to identify objectives and develop measures that are concrete and allow the evaluation of its performance in carrying out its statutory mission under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, (OSH Act), 29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.* The agency views its mission as providing fair and timely adjudication of workplace safety and health disputes between the Department of Labor, employers, and employees and their representatives. The Commission contemplates issuing a plan which includes both agency mission performance goals, and internal operational goals which will help the

Commission perform its mission and improve performance. The tentative mission performance goals are:

—Assure the ready availability of fair, user friendly, and timely adjudication of all disputes brought before the Commission and its judges and achieve a high level of readability and quality in Commission legal decisions.

—Significantly enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of communications between the Commission and the public, its customers and other stakeholders.

Its tentative operational goals are to:

—Capitalize on recent investments in modern computer hardware and software to increase organizational effectiveness, operate more efficiently and better serve internal and external customers.

—Build a highly motivated diverse workforce by developing a first class human resource management system, including highly effective affirmative action, recruitment, training, award and performance management processes.

—Maintain a highly effective integrated planning process to support budget, mission and operational decision making.

—Develop and institutionalize a process for continuous quality improvement.

The Commission wishes to get the views of those who practice before it and those who are impacted by its decisions to help the agency in refining its goals, setting specific objectives and formulating agency performance measures.

In submitting comments, the Commission requests that commentors consider the following questions:

(a) Are there quantifiable or qualitative objectives that the Commission should pursue to meet its goals and accomplish its mission.

(b) How should the Commission measure the effectiveness of its service to litigants and to the public?

(c) What objectives should the Commission pursue to better communicate with its customers and the public?

(d) How can the quality and timeliness of Commission and Administrative Law Judge decisions be improved and the improvement measured?

(e) What information should the Commission routinely make available to the public and litigants and how should this information be made available?

The Commission requests that responses to this solicitation for comments be submitted by September 15, 1997.

Dated: August 27, 1997.

Stuart E. Weisberg,

Chairman.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Employees Health Benefits Program; Medically Underserved Areas for 1998

AGENCY: Office of Personal Management.

ACTION: Notice of Medically Underserved Areas for 1998.

SUMMARY: The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has completed its annual calculation of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas under the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program for the calendar year 1998. This is necessary to comply with a provision of FEHB law that mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in states with critical shortages of primary care physicians. Accordingly, for calendar year 1998, OPM's calculations show that the following States are Medically Underserved Areas under the FEHB Program: Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, South Carolina, South Dakota, West Virginia, and Wyoming. North Dakota has been removed from the list, with no new additions for 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth A. Lease, 202-606-0004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FEHB law [5 U.S.C. 8902(m)(2)] mandates special consideration for enrollees of certain FEHB plans who receive covered health services in States with critical shortages of primary care physicians. Such States are designated as Medically Underserved Areas for purposes of the FEHB Program, and the law requires payment to all qualified providers in the States.

FEHB regulations (5 CFR 890.701) require OPM to make an annual calculation of the States that qualify as Medically Underserved Areas for the next calendar year by comparing the latest Department of Health and Human Service State-by-State population counts on primary medical care manpower shortage areas with U.S. Census figures on State resident population.

Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King,

Director.