

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems; Notice of Meeting**

This notice is being published in accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended). During the month of April 1998, the Special Emphasis Panel will be holding a Professional Opportunities for Women in Research and Education (POWRE) Panel Meeting to review and evaluate research proposals. The dates, contact person, and types of proposals are as follows:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems.

*Date and Time:* April 6, 1998, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1371.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact:* Dr. Ashley F. Emery, Program Director, Thermal Transport & Thermal Processing, Division of Chemical and Transport Systems (CTS), Room 525, (703) 306-1371.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Division of Thermal Transport & Thermal Processing as part of the selection process for awards.

*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. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Advisory Panel for Cognitive, Psychological and Language Sciences; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Advisory Panel for Cognitive, Psychological and Language Sciences (#1757).

*Date & Time:* April 15-17, 1998; 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (PST)

*Place:* University of California, UCLA Guest House, 330 Circle Dr. East, Los Angeles, CA 90095.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Paul G. Chapin, Program Director for Linguistics, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1731.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate linguistics proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

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

*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. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Special Emphasis Panel for Geosciences; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel for Geosciences (1756).

*Date & Time:* April 6-8, 1998; 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

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

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Reeve, Section Head, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1582.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Global Ocean Ecosystems Dynamics Program (Globec) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*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. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Special Emphasis Panel in Graduate Education; Notice of Meeting**

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Graduate Education (57).

*Date:* April 9-10, 1998; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* NSF, Room 320, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Sonia Ortega, Program Director, PFSMETE, Room 907N, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, telephone (703) 306-1697.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning Postdoctoral Fellowships in Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology Education (PFSMETE) proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the NSF Postdoctoral Fellowships in Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology Education program as part of the selection process for awards.

*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 USC 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Advisory Panel; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following 4 meetings.

1. *Name:* Special Emphasis Panel for Social, Behavior & Economic Sciences (#1766).

*Date & Time:* April 8-9-10, 1998; 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Room:* 340.

*Contact Person:* Bonney Sheahan, Program Director for Cross Disciplinary Activities, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1733.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Professional Opportunities for Women in Research & Education (POWRE) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

2. *Name:* Advisory Panel for Infrastructure, Methods & Science Studies (#1760).

*Date & Time:* April 30–May 1, 1998; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

*Room:* 330.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Rachelle Hollander, Program Director for SDEST, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1743.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Societal Dimensions of Engineering, Science & Technology proposals as part of the education process for awards.

3. *Name:* Advisory Panel for Infrastructure, Methods & Science Studies (#1760).

*Date & Time:* May 1–2, 1998; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

*Room:* 365.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Edward J. Hackett, Program Director for Science & Technology Studies, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1742.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Science & Technology Studies proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

4. *Name:* Advisory Panel for Infrastructure, Methods & Science Studies (#1760).

*Date & Time:* May 4–5, 1998; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

*Room:* 320.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Cheryl L. Eavey, Program Director for Methods, Measurement & Statistics, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1729.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Methodology, Measurement & Statistics proposal as part of the selection process for awards.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

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

*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. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection

request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 21, "Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance.

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150–0035.

3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* All directors and responsible officers of firms and organizations building, operating, or owning NRC licensed facilities as well as directors and responsible officers of firms and organizations supplying basic components and safety related design, analysis, testing, inspection, and consulting services to NRC licensed facilities or activities.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 100 annually.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 17,093 (13,480 reporting hours and 3,613 recordkeeping hours).

7. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 21 implements Section 206 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended. It requires directors and responsible officers of firms and organizations building, operating, owning, or supplying basic components to NRC licensed facilities or activities to report defects and noncompliances that could create a substantial safety hazard at NRC licensed facilities or activities. Organizations subject to 10 CFR Part 21 are also required to maintain such records as may be required to assure compliance with this regulation.

The NRC staff reviews 10 CFR Part 21 reports to determine whether the reported defects in basic components and related services and failures to comply at NRC licensed facilities or activities are potentially generic safety problems.

Submit, by May 19, 1998, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized,

including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>) under the FedWorld collection link on the home page tool bar. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T–6 F33, Washington, DC, 20555–0001, or by telephone at 301–415–7233, or by Internet electronic mail at [BJS1@NRC.GOV](mailto:BJS1@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of March, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–423]

### Northeast Nuclear Energy Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licensee) to withdraw its December 14, 1994, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. 49 for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3, located in New London County, Connecticut.

The proposed amendment would have (1) increased the upper bound of the overall containment integrated leakage rate required by Technical Specification (TS) 3.6.1.2.a from 0.3 wt.% per day to 0.65 wt.% per day of the containment air per 24 hours at design basis pressure, (2) revised TS 4.6.6.1.d.3 by providing more margin with respect to the drawdown time for secondary containment vacuum, and (3) revised the applicable Bases section.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in