

or approximately 28% of the early withdrawal charge.

7. In summary, the applicant represents that the subject transactions satisfied the criteria contained in section 408(a) of the Act for the following reasons: (a) no interest or expense was incurred by the Plan in connection with the Advances; (b) the proceeds of the Advances were used only to facilitate the payment of benefits (including participant loans and in-service withdrawals) to Plan participants, and to facilitate the making of investment transfers elected by Plan participants; (c) the Advances were unsecured; (d) the Plan participants who remained invested in the Stable Value Fund, which consisted primarily of the GIC from Travelers, continued to receive the full contract interest rate on the GIC; (e) VRI, the Plan's sponsor, was notified of the Advances; and (f) the repayment of the Advances by the Plan was made at the direction of VRI and was restricted to amounts received from the proceeds of the installment payments made by Travelers under the GIC, and no other Plan assets were used for that purpose.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary H. Lefkowitz of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) The fact that a transaction is the subject of an exemption under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code does not relieve a fiduciary or other party in interest of disqualified person from certain other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including any prohibited transaction provisions to which the exemption does not apply and the general fiduciary responsibility provisions of section 404 of the Act, which among other things require a fiduciary to discharge his duties respecting the plan solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan and in a prudent fashion in accordance with section 404(a)(1)(b) of the act; nor does it affect the requirement of section 401(a) of the Code that the plan must operate for the exclusive benefit of the employees of the employer maintaining the plan and their beneficiaries;

(2) Before an exemption may be granted under section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, the Department must find that the exemption is administratively feasible, in the interests of the plan and of its participants and beneficiaries and

protective of the rights of participants and beneficiaries of the plan;

(3) The proposed exemptions, if granted, will be supplemental to, and not in derogation of, any other provisions of the Act and/or the Code, including statutory or administrative exemptions and transitional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative or statutory exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction; and

(4) The proposed exemptions, if granted, will be subject to the express condition that the material facts and representations contained in each application are true and complete and accurately describe all material terms of the transaction which is the subject of the exemption. In the case of continuing exemption transactions, if any of the material facts or representations described in the application change after the exemption is granted, the exemption will cease to apply as of the date of such change. In the event of any such change, application for a new exemption may be made to the Department.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of March, 1999.

Ivan Strasfeld,

*Director of Exemption Determinations,
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration,
Department of Labor.*

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (99-041)]

NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Task Force on International Space Station Operational Readiness; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces an open meeting of the NAC Task Force on International Space Station Operational Readiness (IOR).

DATES: Friday, March 12, 1999, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street, SW, Room Mic 7, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Philip Cleary, Code IH, National Aeronautics and Space Administration,

Washington, DC 20546-0001, 202/358-4461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

—Review the results NASA/Russian Space Agency (RSA) assessment of the feasibility of transferring equipment from the Mir to the ISS.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitors register.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Mathew M. Crouch,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space
Administration.*

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Council on the Humanities; Meeting

March 1, 1999.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended) notice is hereby given the National Council on the Humanities will meet in Washington, D.C. on March 22-23, 1999.

The purpose of the meeting is to advise the Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities with respect to policies, programs, and procedures for carrying out his functions, and to review applications for financial support and gifts offered to the Endowment and to make recommendations thereon to the Chairman.

The meeting will be held in the Old Post Office Building, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. A portion of the morning and afternoon sessions on March 22-23, 1999, will not be open to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code because the Council will consider information that may disclose: trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; information of a personal nature the disclosure of which will constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and information the disclosure of which would significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination

under the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority dated July 19, 1993.

The agenda for the session on March 22, 1999 will be as follows:

Committee Meetings

(Open to the Public)

Policy Discussion

9:00–10:30 a.m. Preservation and Access/Challenge Grants—Room 415

Public Programs—Room 420

Federal/State Partnership—Room 507

11:30 a.m. until adjourned. Research/Education Programs—Room M07

(Closed to the Public)

Discussion of specific grant applications and programs before the Council

9:00–11:30 a.m. Research/Education Programs—Room M07

10:30 a.m. until adjourned. Preservation and Access/Challenge Grants—Room 415

Public Programs—Room 420

Federal/State Partnership—Room 507

12:30–2:00 p.m. Jefferson Lecture Committee Meeting—Room 430

The morning session on March 23, 1999 will convene at 9:00 a.m., in the 1st Floor Council Room, M-09, and will be open to the public, as set out below. The agenda for the morning session will be as follows:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Reports

A. Opening Remarks and Presentations

B. Staff Report

C. Reports on Policy & General Matters

1. Overview

2. Research and Education Programs

3. Preservation and Access and Challenge Grants

4. Public Programs

5. Federal/State Partnership

6. Jefferson Lecture

The remainder of the proposed meeting will be given to the consideration of specific applications and closed to the public for the reasons stated above.

Further information about this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Nancy E. Weiss, Advisory Committee Management Officer, Washington, D.C. 20506, or call area code (202) 606-8322, TDD (202) 606-8282. Advance notice of any special needs or accommodations is appreciated.

Nancy E. Weiss,

Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 52, "Early Site Permits; Standard Design Certifications; and Combined Licenses for Nuclear Power Plants".

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion and every 10 to 20 years for applications for renewal.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Designers of commercial nuclear power plants, electric power utilities, and any person eligible under the Atomic Energy Act to apply for a construction permit for a nuclear power plant.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* No applications expected during the next three years.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* No applications expected during the next three years.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 0.

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 52 establishes requirements for the granting of early site permits, certifications of standard nuclear power plant designs, and licenses which combine in a single license a construction permit and an operating license with conditions (combined licenses). Part 52 also establishes requirements for renewal of these permits, certifications, and licenses; amendments to them; exemptions from certifications; and variances from early site permits.

NRC uses the information collected to assess the adequacy and suitability of an applicant's site, plant design, construction, training and experience, and plans and procedures for the protection of public health and safety. The NRC review of such information and the findings derived from that information form the basis of NRC decisions and actions concerning the issuance, modification, or revocation of site permits, design certifications, and combined licenses for nuclear power plants.

A copy of the final 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/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by April 7, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0151), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of February 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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