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STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public both days. However, the Commission may enter into executive session during their lunch period from 12:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. on either or both days May 17, 1999 and May 18, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Craig Stevens at (202) 523–8217 or write to 800 North Capitol St., NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For a complete agenda, please contact the Commission. This information will also be faxed to all individuals on the Commission's fax list and posted on the Commission's web site, www.ngisc.gov.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13. This is the second notice for public comment; the first was published in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 531, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed renewal submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention:

Desk Officer for National Science Foundation, 725–17th Street, N.W. Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, and to Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling 703–306–1125 x2017.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Title: National Science Foundation Grant Proposal Guide.

OMB Control Number: 3145–0058.

Summary of Collection: The mission of the National Science Foundation is to serve as a catalyst for progress through investment in science, mathematics and engineering. The agency is guided by its longstanding commitment to the highest standards of excellence in the support of discovery and learning. NSF pledges to provide the leadership and stewardship necessary to sustain and strengthen the Nation's science, mathematics, and engineering capabilities and to promote the use of those capabilities in service to society. NSF's continuing mission is set out in the preamble to the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (Pub. L. 810507):

“To promote the progress of science; to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare; to secure the national defense; and for other purposes.”

The information collected is used to help the Foundation fulfill this responsibility by initiating and supporting merit-selected research and education projects in all the scientific and engineering disciplines. NSF receives more than 30,000 proposals annually for new or renewal support for research in math/science/engineering education projects and makes approximately 10,000 new awards. The Foundation exercises its authority primarily by making merit-based grants and cooperative agreements and providing other forms of assistance to individual researchers and groups, in partnership with over 2800 colleges, universities and other institutions—public and private, state, local and

federal—throughout the U.S. The awards are based mainly on evaluations of proposal merit submitted to the Foundation (see OMB Clearance No. 3145–0060).

The Foundation has a continuing commitment to monitor the operations of its review and award processes to identify and address excessive reporting burdens. The Foundation also is committed to monitor and identify any real or apparent inequities based on gender, race, ethnicity, or handicap of the proposed principal investigator(s)/project director(s) or co-principal investigator(s)/co-project director(s). The collection of this information is a part of the regular submission of proposal to the Foundation. This information also is protected by the Privacy Act.

Description of Respondents:

Nonprofit institutions; state, local or tribal governments; and business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 30,000.

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Total Burden Hours: The Foundation estimates that an average of 120 hours is expended for each proposal submitted. If an estimated 30,000 proposals are expected during the course of one year, these figures compute to an estimated 3,600,000 public burden hours annually.

Dated: April 30, 1999.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation; 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 in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation—(1194).

Date and Time: May 11, 1999, 8:00am–5:30pm.

Place: Room 530, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: George A. Hazelrigg, Program Director, Design and Integration Engineering Program, (703) 306–1330, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 522b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 29, 1999.

Linda Allen-Benton,

Acting Director, Division of Human Resource Management.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Experimental & Integrative Activities; 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 in Experimental & Integrative Activities (1193).

Date and Time: May 12, 1999, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Dragana Brzakovic, POWRE Program, Experimental and Integrative Activities, Room 1160, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1981.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate CISE proposals submitted in response to the program announcement (NSF 98-160).

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 522b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 29, 1999.

Linda Allen-Benton,

Acting Director, Division of Human Resource Management.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-336]

Northeast Nuclear Energy Co., the Connecticut Light and Power Co., the Western Massachusetts Electric Co.; Notice of Partial 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 a portion of its July 17, 1998, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-65 for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2, located in Waterford, CT.

The withdrawn portion of the proposed amendment would have revised the Millstone Unit 2 Technical Specifications Surveillance Requirement 4.8.1.1.2.C by deleting the words "during shutdown" from the first sentence, which reads "At least once per 18 months during shutdown."

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on August 12, 1998 (63 FR 43207). However, by letter dated November 10, 1998, the licensee withdrew this portion of the proposed change as discussed above.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated July 17, 1998, as supplemented by letter dated February 11, 1999, and the licensee's letter dated November 10, 1998, which withdrew a portion of the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, CT 06360, and the Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, CT 06385.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of April 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ronald B. Eaton,

Senior Project Manager, Section 2 Project Directorate I, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-344]

Portland General Electric Co.; Trojan Nuclear Plant Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-1 issued to the Portland General Electric Company (PGE or licensee) for the Trojan Nuclear Plant (TNP or the plant). The plant is located in Columbia County, Oregon.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed amendment would revise the Permanently Defueled Technical Specifications by (1) revising Subsection 4.1.1, "Site and Exclusion Area Boundaries," and (2) replacing existing Figure 4.1-1 with a new Figure 4.1-1 and adding a new page to Figure 4.1-1 to reflect the access controlled (ISFSI) area.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment (LCA 242) dated February 12, 1997.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The issuance of an amendment will allow the licensee to delete the ISFSI area from the Permanently Defueled Technical Specifications. This will cause the ISFSI to be regulated under 10 CFR Part 72, which is more appropriate to its use as a dry fuel storage area.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the issuance of the amendment will not have any significant effect on accident risk and the possibility of environmental impact. The Commission has previously issued an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at Trojan Nuclear Plant (61 FR 64378). On March 31, 1999, the Commission issued a 10 CFR Part 72 license to PGE to permit spent fuel from the plant to be placed in dry storage at an ISFSI at the facility.

The licensee does not propose any disposal of fuel by this action nor any other activities that have not already been approved by the NRC. Therefore, the proposed action does not increase the probability or consequences of any