applicant respondents also submit semiannual narrative performance reports.

Estimated time per response: 54 hours per application; 2 hours per narrative report.

Frequency of response: On occasion for the application; semiannually for the narrative report. Currently, the NHPRC considers grant applications 2 times per year; respondents usually submit no more than one application per year.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 7,636 hours.

Abstract: The application is used by the NHPRC staff, reviewers, and the Commission to determine if the applicant and proposed project are eligible for an NHPRC grant, and whether the proposed project is methodologically sound and suitable for support. The narrative report is used by the NHPRC staff to monitor the performance of grants.

3. *Title:* Applications for Archival Administration and Historical Documentary Editing Fellowships.

OMB number: 3095–0014.

Agency form number: None.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals who wish to apply for an NHPRC fellowship in archival administration or historical documentary editing. Applicants for the archival administration fellowship must have at least two years' professional archival work experience; applicants for the editing fellowship must hold a Ph.D. or have completed all requirement for the degree except the dissertation.

Estimated number of respondents: 9.

Estimated time per response: 8 hours.

Frequency of response: Generally one-time.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 72 hours.

Abstract: The application is used by the NHPRC staff to establish the applicants' qualifications and to permit selection by the host institution of those individuals best qualified for the fellowships. One fellowship in archival administration and one fellowship in historical editing are awarded each year.

4. *Title:* Application for Host Institutions of Archival Administration and Historical Editing Fellowships.

OMB number: 3095–0015.

Agency form number: None.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Nonprofit institutions or organizations that have active archival or special collections programs, and historical documentary publication projects that have received an NHPRC grant.

Estimated number of respondents: 9.

Estimated time per response: 17 hours.

Frequency of response: Generally, one-time although an institution may apply in subsequent years.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 153 hours.

Abstract: The application is used by the NHPRC staff to select applicants to serve as host institutions for the two fellowships supported by the NHPRC each year.

Dated: August 30, 1999

L. Reynolds Cahoon,

Assistant Archivist for Human Resources and Information Services.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95–541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 26, 1999, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of Waste Management permit applications received. A Waste Management permit was issued on August 27, 1999 to the following applicant:

Antarctic Support Associates, Permit No.: 2000WM–01 (ASA)

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Meeting Notice

''FEDERAL REGISTER'' CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: Vol. 64, No. 167/Tuesday, August 31, 1999.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 8, 1999.

CHANGE IN MEETING: A majority of the Board members determined by recorded vote to cancel the September 8, 1999 Board meeting that was to consider the following item:

7047A: Aviation Accident Report: Crash During Landing, Federal Express, Inc., Flight 14, McDonnell Douglas MD–11, N611FE, Newark International Airport, Newark, New Jersey, July 31, 1997.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda Underwood, (202) 314–6065.

Dated: September 1, 1999.

Rhonda Underwood,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket 72–1015]

NAC International, Inc.; Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Regarding the Proposed Exemption from Requirements of 10 CFR Part 72

By letter dated July 19, 1999, NAC International, Inc., (NAC or applicant) requested an exemption, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.234(c). NAC, located in Norcross, Georgia, is seeking Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) approval to procure materials for and fabricate 36 transportable storage canisters (TSCs), 36 vertical concrete casks (VCCs), and 1 transfer cask prior to receipt of the Certificate of Compliance (CoC) for the UMS Universal Storage System (UMS). The UMS TSC, VCC, and transfer cask are basic components of the UMS system, a cask system designed for the dry storage and transportation of spent fuel. The UMS system is intended for use under the general license provisions of subpart K of 10 CFR part 72 by Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company (MYAPC) at the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station (Maine Yankee), located in Wiscasset, Maine. The application for the CoC was submitted by NAC to the Commission on August 29, 1997, as supplemented.

Environmental Assessment (EA)

Identification of Proposed Action: NAC is seeking Commission approval to procure materials for and fabricate 36 TSCs, 36 VCCs, and 1 transfer cask prior to receipt of the CoC. The applicant is requesting an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.234(c), which states that ''Fabrication of casks under the Certificate of Compliance must not start prior to receipt of the Certificate of Compliance for the cask

model.'' The proposed action before the Commission is whether to grant this exemption under 10 CFR 72.7.

Need for the Proposed Action: NAC requested the exemption from 10 CFR 72.234(c) to ensure the availability of storage casks so that Maine Yankee can decommission as scheduled. As a subcontractor to MYAPC, NAC is to supply a total of 66 UMS systems. Maine Yankee's decommissioning schedule is based on initiating spent fuel loading operations in April 2001 using the UMS system. The UMS CoC application is under consideration by the Commission. It is anticipated that, if approved, the CoC would be issued in late 2000.

MYAPC plans to continue loading the UMS canisters until all spent fuel is in dry storage. The current Maine Yankee loading plan specifies 24 UMS systems to be loaded by October 2001. NAC also requested an exemption to fabricate a 90-day supply of additional UMS systems to support the Maine Yankee decommissioning plan. Specifically, NAC stated that, in addition to the fabrication exemption for the 24-required UMS systems, a fabrication exemption is also needed for an additional 12 TSCs and VCCs to ensure a continuous Maine Yankee loading campaign. Consequently, NAC requested a fabrication exemption for a total of 36 TSCs and VCCs.

To support training and dry run operations, NAC indicated that the first of the UMS TSCs, VCCs, and transfer cask are required by October 2000. To meet this decommissioning schedule, NAC stated that procurement of the TSCs, VCCs, and transfer cask materials must begin by September 1999.

The proposed procurement and fabrication exemption will not authorize use of the UMS system to store spent fuel. That will occur only when, and if, a CoC is issued. NRC approval of the procurement and fabrication exemption request should not be construed as an NRC commitment to favorably consider NAC's application for a CoC. NAC will bear the risk of all activities conducted under the exemption; including the risk that the 36 TSCs, 36 VCCs, and 1 transfer cask that NAC plans to construct may not be usable as a result of not meeting specifications or conditions delineated in a CoC that NRC may ultimately approve.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action: The Environmental Assessment for the final rule, ''Storage of Spent Nuclear Fuel in NRC-Approved Storage Casks at Nuclear Power Reactor Sites'' (55 FR 29181 (1990)), considered the potential environmental impacts of casks which are used to store spent fuel under a CoC and concluded that there would be no significant environmental impacts. The proposed action now under consideration would not permit use of the UMS system, only procurement and fabrication. There are no radiological environmental impacts from procurement or fabrication since the TSC, VCC, and transfer cask material procurement and fabrications do not involve radioactive materials. The major non-radiological environmental impacts involve use of natural resources due to fabrication. Each TSC weighs approximately 18 tons and consists mainly of steel. Each VCC weighs approximately 119 tons and is comprised primarily of concrete. The transfer cask weighs approximately 60 tons and consists mainly of steel.

The amount of steel required for the TSCs and transfer cask is expected to have insignificant impact on the steel industry. Fabrication of the TSCs and transfer cask would be at a metal fabrication facility and is insignificant compared to the amount of metal fabrication performed annually in the United States. If the TSCs and transfer cask are not usable, they could be disposed of or recycled. The amount of material disposed of would be insignificant compared to the amount of steel that is disposed of annually in the United States. Based upon this information, the procurement of materials and fabrication of the canisters and transfer cask will have no significant impact on the environment since no radioactive materials are involved, and the amount of natural resources used is minimal.

The amount of concrete required for the VCCs is expected to have an insignificant impact on the concrete industry. Fabrication of the VCCs would be in the vicinity of the reactor site and is insignificant compared to the amount of concrete fabrication performed annually in the United States. If the VCCs are not usable, they could be disposed of or recycled. The amount of material disposed of would be insignificant compared to the amount of concrete that is disposed of annually in the United States. Based upon this information, the procurement of materials and fabrication of the VCCs will have no significant impact on the environment since no radioactive materials are involved, and the amount of natural resources used is minimal.

Alternative to the Proposed Action: Since there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact are not evaluated. The alternative to the proposed action would be to deny approval of the exemption and, therefore, not allow procurement of materials and fabrication of the TSCs, VCCs, and transfer cask until a CoC is issued. This alternative would have the same environmental impact.

Given that there are no significant differences in environmental impacts between the proposed action and the alternative considered and that the applicant has a legitimate need to procure materials and fabricate prior to certification and is willing to assume the risk that any material procured or any TSC, VCC, or transfer cask fabricated may not be approved or may require modification, the Commission concludes that the preferred alternative is to approve the procurement and fabrication request and grant the exemption from the prohibition on fabrication prior to receipt of a CoC.

Agencies and Persons Consulted: Clough Toppon from the State of Maine Bureau of Health was contacted about the EA for the proposed action and had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The environmental impacts of the proposed action have been reviewed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR part 51. Based upon the foregoing EA, the Commission finds that the proposed action of granting an exemption from 10 CFR 72.234(c) so that NAC may procure materials for and fabricate 36 TSCs, 36 VCCs, and 1 transfer cask prior to issuance of a CoC for the UMS system will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

The request for the exemption from 10 CFR 72.234(c) was filed by NAC on July 19, 1999. For further details with respect to this action, see the application for a CoC for the UMS system, dated August 29, 1997, as supplemented January 29, February 12, and July 16, 1999. The exemption request and CoC application are docketed under 10 CFR part 72, Docket 72–1015.

The exemption request and the non-proprietary version of the CoC application are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of August 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Susan F. Shankman,

Acting Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Subcommittee Meeting on Materials and Metallurgy; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Materials and Metallurgy will hold a meeting on September 22, 1999, Room T–2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, September 22, 1999—1:00 p.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittee will review the staff's proposed revision to 10 CFR 50.55a, ''Codes and standards,'' that eliminates the requirement to update inservice inspection and inservice testing programs to the latest American Society for Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code edition every 120 months and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman. Written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, the Nuclear Energy Institute, ASME, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Noel F. Dudley (telephone 301/415–6888) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

Richard P. Savio,

Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal will hold a meeting on September 23, 1999, in Room T–2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Thursday, September 23, 1999—8:30 a.m. until 12:00 Noon.

The Subcommittee will review the status of the staff activities associated with the Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) program and the license renewal issue process, the proposed format of license renewal applications, and other selected license renewal issues. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Noel F. Dudley (telephone 301/415–6888) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

Richard P. Savio,

Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Joint Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittees on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and on Regulatory Policies and Practices; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittees on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and on Regulatory Policies and Practices will hold a joint meeting on September 23–24, 1999, Room T–2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Thursday, September 23, 1999—1:00 p.m. until the conclusion of business

The Subcommittees will review proposed revisions to the NRC PRA Implementation Plan.

Friday, September 24, 1999—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business