

and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. DATE: November 1, 1999  
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
ROOM: 315  
PROGRAM: This meeting will review applications for NEH/Dodge Humanities Scholar in Residence, submitted to the Division of Education at the October 15, 1999 deadline
2. DATE: November 2, 1999  
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
ROOM: 315  
PROGRAM: This meeting will review applications for NEH/Dodge Humanities Scholar in Residence, submitted to the Division of Education at the October 15, 1999 deadline
3. DATE: November 2, 1999  
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
ROOM: 415  
PROGRAM: This meeting will review applications for Library and Archival Preservation and Access/Reference Materials, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 1, 1999 deadline
4. DATE: November 4, 1999  
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
ROOM: 415  
PROGRAM: This meeting will review applications for Library and Archival Preservation and Access/Reference Materials, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 1, 1999 deadline
5. DATE: November 9, 1999  
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
ROOM: 415  
PROGRAM: This meeting will review applications for Library and Archival Preservation and Access/Reference Materials, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 1, 1999 deadline
6. DATE: November 16, 1999  
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
ROOM: 415  
PROGRAM: This meeting will review applications for Library and Archival Preservation and Access/Reference Materials, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 1, 1999 deadline
7. DATE: November 30, 1999  
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
ROOM: 415  
PROGRAM: This meeting will review applications for National Heritage Preservation Program, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 1, 1999 deadline

**Laura S. Nelson,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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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 August 17, 1999, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on October 8, 1999 to the following applicants:

Donald B. Siniff—Permit No. 2000-003

Michael A. Castellini—Permit No.

2000-005

Brent S. Stewart—Permit No. 2000-011

Norbert Wu—Permit No. 2000-013

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Experts' Meeting on Jet Impingement Effects and Leak Rates From Steam Generator Tubes During Severe Accidents

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A meeting with a group of experts will be held at Argonne National Laboratory (ANL) to discuss information, data, and experimentation related to jet impingement effects and leak rates from degraded steam generator tubes under severe-accident conditions. Input from this meeting will be used to plan experimental and analytical work to be carried out under the Steam Generator Tube Integrity Research Program being conducted at ANL for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In the recent past, and expected to continue into the future, NRC has conducted and/or evaluated a number of risk analyses in conjunction with various actions related to steam generator tube integrity.

Because risk from severe accidents can comprise a significant portion of the overall plant risk, the risk analyses have addressed the contribution from severe accidents. In conducting these analyses, the NRC staff has identified some areas that could benefit from additional data, modeling, and experimentation. In particular, we are interested in evaluating the possibility that the jet of superheated steam, hydrogen and entrained particles emanating from a cracked tube may penetrate the neighboring tube during severe-accident transients. In addition, we need to calculate the leak rate from tubes with throughwall cracks of various lengths under severe-accident conditions. In the absence of data on leak rates under the conditions of interest, one would need to calculate the crack opening areas under these conditions to estimate the leak rates. Besides information on the mechanical properties of Inconel tubes at the temperatures of interest, we need to know if (and how) creep and creep crack growth play a role in the crack opening areas developed under the time/temperature/pressure exposures during severe accidents. Also, information is needed on whether the fluid escaping the crack will cause erosion of the crack walls, thereby increasing the crack opening areas. We have assembled a group of experts in the fields of high-temperature metallurgy, fracture mechanics, thermal hydraulics, severe-accident propagation, and erosion/corrosion to address these questions/issues during the meeting.

If you are an expert in one or more of the above fields, and wish to participate and contribute to the meeting, you are asked to contact Dr. Dwight Diercks at ANL by no later than Thursday, November 11, 1999 to provide him information for you to obtain access to the ANL site. Sufficient time is not available for citizens of sensitive countries, as listed in the DOE web site [HTTP://WWW.DOE.GOV](http://WWW.DOE.GOV), to obtain clearance, and they will not be able to participate in this meeting.

**DATES:** November 19, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Argonne National Laboratory, Building 212, Room B201, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Joseph Muscara, Mail Stop T10-E10, U.S. Nuclear Regulator Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-5844; FAX: (301) 415-5074; Internet: [JXM8@NRC.GOV](mailto:JXM8@NRC.GOV).

Or: Dr. Dwight Diercks, Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439.

Telephone: (630) 252-5032; FAX: (630) 252-4798; Internet: [DIERCKS@ANL.GOV](mailto:DIERCKS@ANL.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of October, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Michael E. Mayfield,**

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Director, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on July 14, 1999 (64 FR 38044). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between June 1, 1999, and August 31, 1999, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

### Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established during June 1999.

The following Schedule A authorities were revoked during June 1999:

#### *Department of Commerce*

One position above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

#### *Department of Defense*

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

#### *Federal Emergency Management Agency*

One position above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

#### *Department of Justice*

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

#### *Department of Transportation*

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

#### *Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board*

All positions. Effective June 21, 1999. No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked during July 1999. No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked during August 1999.

### Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during June 1999.

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No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during August 1999.

### Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during June, July and August 1999:

#### *Council on Environmental Quality*

Policy Analyst to the Chair, Council on Economic Quality. Effective July 7, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Chair. Effective August 12, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist/Deputy Director for Communications to the Director for Communications. Effective August 23, 1999.

#### *Commission on Civil Rights*

Special Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective June 11, 1999.

#### *Department of Agriculture*

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service. Effective June 2, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Farm Services Agency. Effective June 17, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service. Effective June 23, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Farm Service Agency. Effective June 23, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Community Development. Effective July 2, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agriculture Service. Effective July 2, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective July 2, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective July 12, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Office of Community Development. Effective July 14, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Administrator, Community Development. Effective July 14, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Housing Service. Effective August 12, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director. Effective August 17, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Associate Chief, Chief Operation Officer. Effective August 24, 1999.

#### *Department of the Air Force (DOD)*

Staff Assistant to the Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs. Effective July 9, 1999.

#### *Department of Commerce*

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary. Effective June 8, 1999.

Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Technology, Technology Administration. Effective June 11, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for External Affairs. Effective June 15, 1999.

Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Strategic Planning. Effective July 14, 1999.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Office of Public Affairs and Press Secretary. Effective July 19, 1999.

Deputy Director of External Affairs and Director of Scheduling to the Director, Office of External Affairs. Effective August 4, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of External Affairs. Effective August 9, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Policy and Planning. Effective August 10, 1999.

Deputy Director to the Director, Office of External Affairs. Effective August 12, 1999.

Deputy Director, to the Director, Office of Business Liaison. Effective August 16, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective August 26, 1999.