

Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Research, Evaluation and Communication (1210).

*Date/Time:* December 7–8, 1999; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Room 855, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Bernice Anderson, Program Director, Research, Evaluation and Communication (REC), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 855, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306–1650.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate formal proposals submitted to the Systemic Initiatives and Rural Systemic Initiatives Evaluative Studies Program as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed included information of a proprietary or confidence 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.

Dated: November 12, 1999.

**Karen J. York,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice.

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on December 2–4, 1999, in Conference Room T–2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64105).

#### Thursday, December 2, 1999

*8:30 A.M.–8:45 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:45 A.M.–10:15 A.M.: Proposed Final Amendment to 10 CFR 50.55a Regarding Elimination of the 120-Month ISI and IST Programs Update Requirement* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) regarding the proposed final amendment to 10 CFR 50.55a associated with

the elimination of the requirement for updating the inservice inspection (ISI) and inservice testing (IST) programs every 120 months, as well as a proposed Commission paper related to this matter.

*10:30 A.M.–12:00 Noon: Low-Power and Shutdown Operations Risk Insights Report* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and its contractors regarding the low-power and shutdown operations risk insights report, as well as a proposed Commission paper related to this matter.

*1:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M.: License Renewal Application for Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant and the Associated Safety Evaluation Report* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's application for renewal of Calvert Cliffs Units 1 and 2 licenses and the associated NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report.

*2:45 P.M.–3:45 P.M.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports* (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports for consideration by the full Committee.

*3:45 P.M.–7:00 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

#### Friday, December 3, 1999

*8:30 A.M.–8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 A.M.–10:00 A.M.: Proposed Resolution of Generic Safety Issue (GSI)–190 and GSI–166* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and its contractors regarding the proposed resolution of GSI–190, "Fatigue Evaluation of Metal Components for 60–Year Plant Life," and GSI–166, "Adequacy of Fatigue Life of Metal Components."

*10:15 A.M.–11:45 A.M.: A Technique for Human Event Analysis (ATHEANA)* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the ATHEANA process, use of the ATHEANA to evaluate selected operational events, and related matters.

*1:45 A.M.–12:00 Noon: Subcommittee Report* (Open)—The Committee will hear a report by the Chairman of the Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena Subcommittee regarding the industry initiative to address the effects of water hammer in low-pressure fluid systems and the NRC staff's effort to develop code review guideline documentation.

*1:30 P.M.–2:00 P.M.: NRC Safety Research Program Report to the Commission* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the proposed final report to the Commission on the NRC Safety Research Program and related matters.

*2:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M.: Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee* (Open)—The Committee will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business.

*2:30 P.M.–2:45 P.M.: Future ACRS Activities* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings.

*2:45 P.M.–3:00 P.M.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters. The EDO responses are expected to be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

*3:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M.: Election of Officers for CY–2000* (Open)—The Committee will elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman to the ACRS and a Member-at-Large to the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee for CY–2000.

*3:30 P.M.–4:30 P.M.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports* (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports for consideration by the full Committee.

*4:30 P.M.–7:00 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

#### Saturday, December 4, 1999

*8:30 A.M.–2:00 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

*2:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M.: Miscellaneous* (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 1999 (64 FR 52353). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, ACRS, five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with Mr. Sam Duraiswamy if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been

canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy (telephone 301/415-7364), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., EST.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or viewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301-415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. EST at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: November 10, 1999.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

#### I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from October 23, 1999, through November 5, 1999. The last biweekly notice was published on November 3, 1999 (64 FR 59796).

### Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received before action is taken. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administration Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public

Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. The filing of requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By December 17, 1999, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room). If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of a hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the