

Foundation announces the following meetings of the Special Emphasis Panel in Computing-Communications Research (#1192):

*Date/Time/Place*

April 9–10, 2001; 8 a.m.–5 p.m.—National Science Foundations, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA  
 April 23–24, 2001 8 a.m.–5 p.m.—National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA  
 April 26–27, 2001 8 a.m.–5 p.m.—Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC  
 April 30—May 1, 2001 8 a.m.–5 p.m.—National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA  
*Type of Meetings:* Closed.  
*Contact Person:* Frank Anger, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1145, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 292–8911.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Information Technology Research proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential 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.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Ecological Studies; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Advisory Panel for Ecological Studies (1751).

*Date/Time:* April 11–13, 2001, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

*Place:* Room 360, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Persons:* Dr. Kimberly Sullivan, and Dr. Stephen Vessey, Program Directors, Animal Behavior Program, Physiology and Ethology Cluster, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 292–8421.

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

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person(s) listed above.

*Agenda:* Open Session: April 13, 2001, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.—discussion on research

trends, opportunities and assessment procedures in Integrative Biology and Neuroscience with Dr. Mary Clutter, Assistant Director, Directorate for Biological Sciences.

Closed Session; April 11, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; April 12, 2001, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; April 13, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To review and evaluate research proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential 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.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Experimental and Integrative Activities; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meetings of the Special Emphasis Panel in Experimental and Integrative Activities (#1193):

Date/time	Place
April 17–18, 2001; 8 a.m.–5 p.m. ....	Catamaran Resort Hotel Diego, CA.
April 18–19, 2001; 8 a.m.–5 p.m. ....	Catamaran Resort Hotel Diego, CA.
April 23–24, 2001; 8 a.m.–5 p.m. ....	National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.
April 26–27, 2001; 8 a.m.–5 p.m. ....	Loews L'Enfant Plaza Hotel, 480 L'Enfant Plaza SW. Washington, D.C.

*Type of Meetings:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Gary Strong, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1160, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 292–8980.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Information Technology Research proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential 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.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463 as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meetings:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research (1203).

*Date/Time:* April 12 and 13, 2001; 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Guebre X. Tessema, Program Director, National Facilities and Instrumentation, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 292–4943.

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

*Agenda:* Review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process to determine finalists considered for the FY2001 Instrumentation for Materials Research (IMR) and Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Programs.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential 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.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Mathematical Sciences; 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 Mathematical Sciences (1204).

*Date/Time:* April 26-27, 2001, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Place:* Room 1020, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. William B. Smith, Program Director, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1025, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-4882.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals concerning the Information Technology Research (ITRDMs), as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential 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.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Undergraduate Education; 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 Undergraduate Education (1214).

*Date/Time:* May 21-24, 2001; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* Rooms 130, 220, 360, 365, 370 and 380 National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Lee L. Zia, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8670.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate NSDL proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individual 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.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-353]

### Exelon Generation Company, Limerick Generating Station, Unit 2

#### 1.0 Background

The Exelon Generation Company (Exelon, the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF-85 which authorizes operation of the Limerick Generating Station, Unit 2 (Limerick Unit 2). The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of a boiling water reactor located in Montgomery and Chester Counties in Pennsylvania.

#### 2.0 Purpose

Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50, Appendix G, requires that pressure-temperature (P-T) limits be established for reactor pressure vessels (RPVs) for normal operating and hydrostatic or leak rate testing conditions. Specifically, 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, section IV.A.2.a, states, "The appropriate requirements on both the pressure-temperature limits and the minimum permissible temperature must be met for all conditions." Appendix G of 10 CFR Part 50 specifies that the P-T limits identified as "ASME [American Society of Mechanical Engineering Pressure and

Vessel Code (ASME Code)] Appendix G limits" in Table 1 require that the limits must be at least as conservative as the limits obtained by following the methods of analysis and the margins of safety of Appendix G of section XI of the ASME Code.

To address provisions of a proposed license amendment to the technical specification P-T limits for the Limerick facility, the licensee requested in its submittal of November 20, 2000, as supplemented December 20, 2000, that the staff exempt Limerick Unit 2 from application of specific requirements of Appendix G to 10 CFR Part 50, and substitute use of ASME Code Case N-640. Code Case N-640 permits the use of an alternate reference fracture toughness ( $K_{Ic}$  fracture toughness curve instead of  $K_{Ia}$  fracture toughness curve) for reactor vessel materials in determining the P-T limits. Since the  $K_{Ic}$  fracture toughness curve of ASME Section XI, Appendix A, Figure A-2200-1 (the  $K_{Ic}$  fracture toughness curve,  $K_{Ic}$  curve) provides greater allowable fracture toughness than the corresponding  $K_{Ia}$  fracture toughness curve of ASME Section XI, Appendix G, Figure G-2210-1 (the  $K_{Ia}$  curve), using Code Case N-640 for establishing the P-T limits would be less conservative than the methodology currently endorsed by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G. The regulations (10 CFR 50.60(b)) state that proposed alternatives to the requirements in Appendix G to 10 CFR Part 50 may be used when an exemption is granted by the Commission under 10 CFR 50.12.

#### 3.0 Discussion

*Code Case N-640 (formerly Code Case N-626)*

The licensee has proposed an exemption to allow use of ASME Code Case N-640 in conjunction with ASME section XI, 10 CFR 50.60(a) and 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, to determine P-T limits.

The proposed license amendment to revise the P-T limits for Limerick Unit 2 relies in part on the requested exemption. These revised P-T limits have been developed using the  $K_{Ic}$  fracture toughness curve, in lieu of the  $K_{Ia}$  fracture toughness curve, as the lower bound for fracture toughness.

Use of the  $K_{Ic}$  curve in determining the lower bound fracture toughness in the development of P-T operating limits curve is more technically correct than use of the  $K_{Ia}$  curve, since the rate of loading during a heatup or cooldown is slow and is more representative of a static condition than a dynamic condition. The  $K_{Ic}$  curve appropriately