

Week of September 22, 2003—Tentative
Wednesday, September 24, 2003

9 a.m. Briefing on Emergency Preparedness Program Status (Public Meeting) (Contact: Eric Weiss, 301-415-3264).

This meeting will be Webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of September 29, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 29, 2003.

*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By a vote of 3-0 on August 14, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of (1) Final Rule: Geological and Seismological Characteristics for the Siting and Design of Dry Cask Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations and Monitored Retrievable Storage Installations—10 CFR part 72 and (2) Private Fuel Storage (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation), Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI, LBP-03-08 (May 22, 2003)" be held on August 15, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html>.

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Dated: August 21, 2003.

D.L. Gamberoni

Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17Ad-15, SEC File No. 270-360, OMB Control No. 3235-0409.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17Ad-15 Signature Guarantees

Rule 17Ad-15 requires approximately 900 transfer agents to establish written standards for the acceptance or rejection of guarantees of securities transfers from eligible guarantor institutions. Transfer agents are required to establish procedures to ensure that those standards are used by the transfer agent to determine whether to accept or reject guarantees from eligible guarantor institutions. Transfer agents must maintain, for a period of three years following the date of a rejection of transfer, a record of all transfers rejected, along with the reason for the rejection, identification of the guarantor, and whether the guarantor failed to meet the transfer agent's guarantee standard. These recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule.

There are approximately 900 registered transfer agents. The staff estimates that every transfer agent will spend about 40 hours annually to comply with rule 17Ad-15. The total annual burden for all transfer agents is 36,000 hours. The average cost per hour is approximately \$30. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for all transfer agents is \$1,080,000.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity

of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Kenneth A. Fogash, Associate Executive Director/Acting CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: August 19, 2003.

J. Lynn Taylor,
Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A, SEC File No. 270-29, OMB Control No. 3235-0037.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

- Rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A Reporting of missing, lost, stolen, or counterfeit securities.

Rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A requires approximately 26,000 entities in the securities industry to report lost, stolen, missing, or counterfeit securities to a central database. Form X-17F-1A facilitates the accurate reporting and precise and immediate data entry into the central database. Reporting to the central database fulfills a statutory requirement that reporting institutions report and inquire about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities. Reporting to the central database also allows reporting institutions to gain access to the database that stores information for the Lost and Stolen Securities Program.

We estimate that 26,000 reporting institutions will report that securities are either missing, lost, counterfeit, or

stolen annually and that each reporting institution will submit this report 50 times each year. The staff estimates that the average amount of time necessary to comply with rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A is five minutes per submission. The total burden is 108,333 hours annually for the entire industry (26,000 times 50 times 5 divided by 60). The average cost per hour is approximately \$50. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for respondents is \$5,416,666.

Rule 17f-1(c) is a reporting rule and does not specify a retention period. The rule requires an incident-based reporting requirement by the reporting institutions when securities are discovered missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen. Registering under rule 17f-1(c) is mandatory to obtain the benefit of a central database that stores information about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities for the Lost and Stolen Securities Program. Reporting institutions required to register under rule 17f-1(c) will not be kept confidential; however, the Lost and Stolen Securities Program database will be kept confidential. Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (ii) Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: August 19, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17f-1(b), SEC File No. 270-28, OMB Control No. 3235-0032.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

- Rule 17f-1(b): Requirements for reporting and inquiry with respect to missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities.

Rule 17f-1(b) requires approximately 26,000 entities in the securities industry to register in the Lost and Stolen Securities Program ("Program"). Registration fulfills a statutory requirement that entities report and inquire about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities. Registration also allows entities in the securities industry to gain access to a confidential database that stores information for the Program.

We estimate that 1,000 entities will register in the Program annually and that each respondent will register one time. The staff estimates that the average number of hours necessary to comply with the rule 17f-1(b) is one-half hour. The total burden is therefore 500 hours (1,000 times one-half) annually for all respondents. The average cost per hour is approximately \$50. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for each respondent is \$25,000 (500 times \$50).

Rule 17f-1(b) is a reporting rule and does not specify a retention period. The rule requires a one-time registration for reporting institutions. Registering under rule 17f-1(b) is mandatory to obtain the benefit of a central database that stores information about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities for the Program. Reporting institutions required to register under rule 17f-1(b) will not be kept confidential; however, the Program database will be kept confidential.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

General comments regarding the estimated burden hours should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC, 20503; and (ii) Kenneth A. Fogash, Acting Associate Executive Director/CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and

Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to OMB within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: August 19, 2003.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 14f-1, OMB Control No. 3235-0108, SEC File No. 270-127; Rule 12d1-3, OMB Control No. 3235-0109, SEC File No. 270-116.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for approval.

Rule 14f-1 (OMB Control No. 3235-0108; SEC File No. 270-127) requires issuers to disclose a change in a majority of the directors of the issuer. The information filed under rule 14f-1 must be filed with the Commission and is publicly available. We estimate that it takes 18 burden hours to provide the information required under rule 14f-1 and that the information is filed by 44 respondents for a total of 792 burden hours.

Rule 12d1-3 (OMB Control No. 3235-0109; SEC File No. 270-116) requires a certification that a security has been approved by an exchange for listing and registration pursuant to section 12(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to be filed with the Commission. The information required under rule 12d1-3 must be filed with the Commission and is publicly available. We estimate that it takes one-half hour to provide the information required under rule 12d1-3 and that the information is filed by 688 respondents for a total of 344 burden hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether these proposed collection of information are necessary for the performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;