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*Committee Management Officer.*

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation; 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 Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation- (1194).

*Date and Time:* May 21, 1996, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 530, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Christina Gabriel, Program Director, (703) 306-1330, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Management of Technological Innovation (MOTI) 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 USC 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation; 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 Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation (#1194).

*Date and Time:* May 22, 1996, 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 365, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Mr. Darryl Gorman, SBIR Program Manager, (703) 306-1391, Dr. Frank Wodarczyk, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Chemistry Division, Program Manager, (730) 306-1856, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate SBIR/STTR Chemistry Phase II 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 USC 552b (c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Human Resource Development; 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 and Committee Code:* Special Emphasis Panel in Human Resource Development (#1199).

*Date and Time:* May 15, 1996, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 380, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. William McHenry, Program Director, Human Resource Development Division, Room 815, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1634.

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

*Agenda:* Review for the Alliances for Minority Participation Reverse Site Visit.

*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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### 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 (DMR) (#1203).

*Date and Times:* May 24, 1996, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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

*Type of Meetings:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Carmen Huber, Associate Program Director, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065N, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1996.

*Purpose of Meetings:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for Academic Research Infrastructure Instrumentation proposals for FY 1996.

*Agenda:* Evaluation of proposals.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed may 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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### Sunshine Act Meeting

*Agency Holding Meeting:* National Science Foundation, National Science Board.

*Date and Time:*

May 9, 1996—9:30 a.m.—Closed Session

May 9, 1996—10:30 a.m.—Open Session

May 10, 1996—8:00 a.m.—Closed Session

May 10, 1996—9:10 a.m.—Open Session

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

*Status:* Part of this meeting will be open to the public. Part of this meeting will be closed to the public.

*Matters to be Considered:*

Thursday, May 9, 1996

*Closed Session (9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)*

—Minutes, March 1995 Meeting

- Election of NSB Officers
- Election of Executive Committee Members
- March NSB Meeting Follow-On

Thursday, May 9, 1996

*Open Session (10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)*

- Long Range Planning Environment

Friday, May 10, 1996

*Closed Session (8:00 a.m.–9:10 a.m.)*

- Awards and Agreements
- Long Range Planning and Budget

Friday, May 10, 1996

*Open Session (9:10 a.m.–11:00 a.m.)*

- Minutes, March 1996 Meeting
- Closed Session Agenda Items—June 1996 Meeting
- Chairman's Report
- Director's Report
- Program Approval
- Executive Committee Annual Report
- Calendar of NSB Meetings 1997
- Reports from Committees
- Other Business
- Presentation: Human Capital Initiative
- Adjourn

Marta Cehelsky,

*Executive Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-397]

### Washington Public Power Supply System; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-21 issued to the Washington Public Power Supply System (the licensee) for operation of WNP-2 located in Benton County, Washington.

The proposed amendment would modify the Technical Specifications (TS) to reflect use of new fuel obtained from ABB/Combustion Engineering, and to incorporate staff-approved core reload analysis computer programs (codes). The proposed amendment removes reference to specific fuel configurations, replacing the reference with a requirement that only fuel that has been analyzed with applicable NRC staff approved codes and methods, and that have been shown by tests or analyses to comply with all safety design bases, may be placed in the core. The allowance for use of lead fuel assemblies remains in the TS.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves 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.

As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis against the standards of 50.92(c). The NRC staff's review is presented below:

(1) Does the proposed amendment involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

The proposed change to the design of fuel specified for use in the WNP-2 core does not affect the requirements for fuel integrity, power generation and thermal limits, and core stability specified in the design basis for the facility and in the limiting conditions for operation (LCOs) specified in the TS. The update of the codes used to analyze the fuel ensures that the current NRC staff approved computer models and methodologies are used to analyze the fuel to ensure the fuel meets the requirements for integrity, power generation and thermal limits, and core stability. Since the proposed change will not change the factors that assure core design is maintained within the design basis, and since the design basis for the fuel assures that the analysis assumptions for accidents previously evaluated are maintained, the proposed change does not appear to increase the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

(2) Does the proposed amendment create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

The proposed amendment does not introduce new or different equipment into the plant. The proposed change would allow different design of fuel pin internals, and different configurations for the fuel bundles. The fuel design would not change the nuclear and thermal hydraulic considerations,

subject to physical laws, that must be met to assure fuel integrity. Thus the proposed change does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

(3) Does the proposed amendment involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety?

The margins of safety for fuel design are established by current TS and the core operating limits report (COLR). The proposed change does not affect the limits in the TS, which contain the regulatory safety limits that must be met to assure fuel integrity. Additional limits to assure that reactivity and power distribution assumptions for design analyses are included in the COLR. Use of codes approved for analyzing the specific fuel designs used in the core assures that the analyzed limits in the COLR will assure that the reactor will remain within the bounds of the plant safety analysis. Since the proposed change does not change the bounds of the plant safety analysis itself, the proposed change does not affect the margins of safety.

Based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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. 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 Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications