

the moon's landscape. The Cassini Orbiter would then continue its Saturn orbital tour, providing opportunities for ring imaging, magnetospheric coverage, and radio (Earth), solar, and stellar occultations of Saturn, Titan, and the ring system. A total of 35 close Titan flybys have also been planned for the 4-year tour, along with 4 close flybys of selected icy satellites, and 29 more distant satellite encounters. The scientific information gathered by the Cassini mission could help provide clues to the evolution of the solar system and the origin of life on Earth.

The Cassini spacecraft would carry three RTG's that use the heat of decay of plutonium dioxide to generate electric power for the spacecraft and its instruments. The spacecraft would also use up to 157 RHU's, each containing a small amount of plutonium dioxide, to generate heat for controlling the thermal environment of the spacecraft and several of its instruments.

The Cassini FEIS was made available to Federal, state, and local agencies, the public, and other interested parties on July 21, 1995. In addition to the No-Action alternative, the FEIS addressed in detail three alternatives for completing preparations for, and operating the Cassini mission to Saturn and its moons. On October 20, 1995, utilizing the analyses in the FEIS along with other important considerations such as programmatic, technical, economic, international relations, and other factors, the Record of Decision selecting the Proposed Action was rendered.

The Proposed Action consists of completing preparations for and implementing the Cassini mission to Saturn and its moons, with a launch of the Cassini spacecraft onboard a Titan IV(SRMU)/Centaur. The launch would take place at CCAS during the primary launch opportunity in October 1997. A secondary launch opportunity occurs in December 1997, with a backup opportunity in March 1999, both using the Titan IV(SRMU)/Centaur. The primary launch opportunity would employ a Venus-Venus-Earth-Jupiter-Gravity-Assist trajectory to Saturn; the secondary and backup opportunities would both employ a Venus-Earth-Gravity-Assist (VEEGA) trajectory. The Proposed Action would allow the Cassini spacecraft to gather the full science return desired to accomplish mission objectives.

Along with the No-Action alternative (ceasing preparations and not implementing the Cassini mission), the FEIS evaluated in detail two other mission alternatives. The March 1999 alternative would have used two Shuttle

flights with on-orbit integration of the spacecraft and upper stage, followed by injection of the spacecraft into a VEEGA trajectory to Saturn. Due to the long lead-time in developing and certifying the new upper stage that would be needed to implement it, this alternative is no longer considered reasonable. Also, this alternative would have returned less science than the primary launch opportunity of the Proposed Action. The other mission alternative considered in the FEIS was the 2001 alternative, which would use a Titan IV(SRMU)/Centaur to launch the spacecraft from CCAS in March 2001 on a Venus-Venus-Venus-Gravity-Assist trajectory. A backup opportunity in May 2002 would use a VEEGA trajectory. The 2001 alternative would require completing development and testing of a new high-performance rhenium engine for the spacecraft, as well as adding about 20 percent more propellant to the spacecraft. Science returns from this alternative would meet the minimum acceptable level for the mission.

The FEIS analyses demonstrated that completing preparations for and implementing a normal Cassini mission would not significantly impact the human environment. The principal concern associated with all mission alternatives (except No-Action) was with accidents during launch and operation of the mission that have the potential to result in a release of plutonium dioxide from the RTG's and/or RHU's onboard the spacecraft. In response, NASA and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), using the best information available at that time, developed an array of representative accident scenarios that could potentially result in a release of plutonium dioxide from the RTG's. NASA and DOE analyzed the representative accident scenarios with respect to the consequences and risks. The results of those analyses were presented in the Cassini FEIS.

Updated results from the continuing tests and analysis have recently become available for NASA review. This updated data indicates that there is new information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the impacts of the Proposed Action. NASA has determined that the purposes of NEPA will be furthered by preparation and issuance of an SEIS.

The SEIS will address NASA's consideration of the updated data resulting from the ongoing analysis. The SEIS will compare the updated data with those in the FEIS and will focus on the areas where the largest differences in risk are estimated. The SEIS will

address the Proposed Action, the No Action alternative, and the 2001 mission alternative which is still available to NASA.

Benita A. Cooper,
Associate Administrator for Management Systems and Facilities.

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[Notice (97-027)]

NASA Advisory Council, Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications Advisory Committee, Microgravity Science and Applications Advisory Subcommittee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting cancellation.

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 62 FR 7072, Notice Number 97-014, February 14, 1997.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED DATES OF MEETING: March 5, 1997, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Meeting has been canceled.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Dr. Bradley M. Carpenter, Code UG, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202-358-0813.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Leslie M. Nolan,
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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice of Change in Subject of Meeting

The National Credit Union Administration Board determined that its business requires the deletion of the following item from the previously announced open meeting (Federal Register, 62 FR 10086, March 5, 1997) scheduled for 8:10 a.m., Friday, March 7, 1997.

3. Charter Application from the Proposed First Combined Community Federal Credit Union.

The Board voted (2-to-0, Vice Chairman Bowné was unavailable) that Agency business required that this item be deleted from the open agenda. Earlier announcement of this change was not possible.

The previously announced items were:

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Open Meeting.

2. Requests from Federal Credit Unions to Convert to a Community Charter.

3. Charter Application from the Proposed First Combined Community Federal Credit Union.

4. Request from a Corporate Federal Credit Union for a Field of Membership amendment.

5. Final Rule: Part 704, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Corporate Credit Unions.

6. Proposed Rule: Request for Comments on Federal Credit Union Bylaws.

7. Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Request for Comments on Interpretive Rulings and Policy Statements (IRPS).

8. Proposed Rule: Amendments to Sections 701.26(b), 701.27, and 740.3(c), and addition of Part 712, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Credit Union Service Contracts, Credit Union Service Organizations, and Advertising.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board, Telephone (703) 518-6304.

Becky Baker,
Secretary of the Board.

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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 and Committee Code: Special Emphasis Panel in Materials Research #1203.

Date & Time: March 26, 1997; 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 360, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

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

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for proposals focusing on integration of research and education in materials.

Agenda: Presentations and evaluation of progress.

Reason for Closing: The activity being evaluated 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.

Dated: March 5, 1997.

Linda Allen-Benton,

Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Networking & Communications Research & Infrastructure; 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 for Connections to the Internet Panel (#1207).

Date and Time: March 24-25, 1997; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1175, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person(s): Mark Luker, Program Director, CISE/NCRI, Room 1175, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1950.

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

Agenda: To review & evaluate proposals submitted for the Connections to the Internet Program.

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.

Dated: March 5, 1997.

Linda Allen-Benton,

Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-267]

Notice of Receipt of the Public Service Company of Colorado Decommissioning/Termination Plan for the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is noticing the receipt and approval of the Public Service

Company's (PSC) of Colorado Decommissioning Plan (DP) as the Termination Plan for the Fort St. Vrain (FSV) Nuclear Generating Station, located near Platteville, Colorado.

BACKGROUND: NRC initially published a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Orders to Authorize Decommissioning and Termination of Possession-Only License in the Federal Register on March 13, 1992 (57 FR 8940) and no comments or requests for hearing were received. On November 23, 1992, NRC issued Amendment No. 85, to License No. DPR-34, which incorporated the DP into the license, and issued an Order Approving the DP and Authorizing Decommissioning. In addition, on November 12, 1996, NRC published in the Federal Register (61 FR 58087) a Notice of a Public Meeting with the PSC to discuss the decommissioning and license termination of the FSV. The Public Meeting was held on December 3, 1996, in the vicinity of the plant, and no comments or requests for a hearing were received.

ACTION: In accordance with NRC's revised decommissioning regulations, specifically 10 CFR 50.82(a)(9)(iii), and based upon the comprehensive nature of DP, as amended, NRC is accepting the approved DP as the licensee's Termination Plan, and noticing the receipt of the FSV DP and its availability for public comment. Pursuant to a request by the licensee, an amendment is being considered to the license redesignating the FSV DP as the Termination Plan, as now required by NRC's regulations, and approving the Termination Plan. See 10 CFR 50.82(a)(10).

HEARING: The scope of 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials Licensing Proceedings," includes a hearing on power reactor decommissioning license amendments subsequent to permanent removal of the fuel from the reactor. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding, may request a hearing in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this Federal Register notice.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(e), a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

(1) The interest of the requester in the proceeding;

(2) How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requester