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M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Polar Programs; Committee of Visitors; 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: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs (1130); Committee of Visitors.

Date and Time: June 24-25, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Rm. 330, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Erick Chiang, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Va 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1033.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and other privileged materials.

Agenda: To provide oversight review of the Arctic and Antarctic Science Program.

Reason for Closing: The meeting is closed to the public because the Committee is reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they are disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of

information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* Proposed Rule, 10 CFR parts 30, 40, 50, 70, and 72, Self-Guarantee of Decommissioning Funding by Non-Profit and Non-Bond Issuing Licensees.

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* Annually and one-time submittal of revised decommissioning funding plan.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Licensees opting to use self-guarantee.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 42.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 42.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 277 hours (6.6 hrs. per response).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Applicable.

10. *Abstract:* The proposed rule would establish self-guarantee as an additional voluntary mechanism for financial assurance by non-profit and non-bond issuing licensees if specified criteria are met.

Submit, by June 26, 1997, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, (lower level), Washington, DC. The proposed rule indicated in "The title of the information collections" is or has been published in the **Federal Register** within several days of the publication date of this **Federal Register** notice.

Instructions for accessing the electronic OMB clearance package for the rulemaking have been appended to the electronic rulemaking. Members of the public may access the electronic OMB clearance package by following the directions for electronic access provided in the preamble to the titled rulemaking.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by June

26, 1997. Edward Michlovich, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, (3150-0017, -0020, -0011, -0009, and -0132), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, (301) 415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of May, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Arnold E. Levin,

Acting Designated Senior Official for Information Resources Management.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR part 40, "Domestic Licensing of Source Material," NRC Form 244, "Registration Certificate—Use of Depleted Uranium under General License," and NRC Form 484, "Domestic Monitoring Data Report."

3. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 244 and NRC Form 484.

4. *How often the collection is required:* Reports required under 10 CFR part 40 are collected and evaluated on a continuing basis as events occur. There is a one-time submittal of information to receive a license. Renewal applications need to be submitted every 5 to 10 years. Information in previous applications may be referenced without being resubmitted. In addition, recordkeeping must be performed on an on-going basis. NRC Form 244 is submitted when

depleted uranium is received or transferred under general license. NRC Form 484 is submitted biannually to report groundwater data necessary to implement EPA groundwater standards.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* 10 CFR part 40: Applicants for and holders of NRC licenses authorizing the receipt, possession, use, or transfer of radioactive source and byproduct material.

NRC Form 244: Persons receiving, possessing, using, or transferring depleted uranium under the general license established in 10 CFR 40.25(a).

NRC Form 484: Uranium recovery facility licensees reporting groundwater monitoring data pursuant to 10 CFR 40.65.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 10 CFR part 40: 447 for NRC licensees and 311 for Agreement State licensees.

NRC Form 244: 20 for NRC licensees and 40 for Agreement State licensees.

NRC Form 484: Included in 10 CFR Part 40, above.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 10 CFR part 40: 156 for NRC licensees and 172 for Agreement State licensees.

NRC Form 244: 20 for NRC licensees and 40 for Agreement State licensees.

NRC Form 484: Included in 10 CFR Part 40, above.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 10 CFR part 40: 26,049 hours for reporting requirements and 9,019 hours for recordkeeping requirements, or a total of 35,068 hours for NRC licensees; 28,083 hours for reporting requirements and 9,398 hours for recordkeeping requirements, or a total of 37,481 hours for Agreement State licensees.

NRC Form 244: 20 hours for NRC licensees and 40 hours for Agreement State licensees for reporting requirements.

NRC Form 484: Included in 10 CFR Part 40, above.

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Public Law 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR part 40 establishes requirements for licenses for the receipt, possession, use, and transfer of radioactive source and byproduct material. NRC Form 244 is used to report receipt and transfer of depleted uranium under general license, as required by 10 CFR part 40. NRC Form 484 is used to report certain groundwater monitoring data required by 10 CFR part 40 for uranium recovery licensees. The application, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements are necessary to permit the NRC to make a

determination on whether the possession, use, and transfer of source and byproduct material is in conformance with the Commission's regulations for protection of public health and safety.

A copy of the submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC. Members of the public who are in the Washington, DC, area can access the submittal via modem on the Public Document Room Bulletin Board (NRC's Advanced Copy Document Library) NRC subsystem at FedWorld, 703-321-3339. Members of the public who are located outside of the Washington, DC, area can dial FedWorld, 1-800-303-9672, or use the FedWorld Internet address: fedworld.gov (Telnet). The document will be available on the bulletin board for 30 days after the signature date of this notice. If assistance is needed in accessing the document, please contact the FedWorld help desk at 703-487-4608. Additional assistance in locating the document is available from the NRC Public Document Room, nationally at 1-800-397-4209, or within the Washington, DC, area at 202-634-3273.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by June 26, 1997. Edward Michlovich, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0020 and 3150-0031), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, (301) 415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of May, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Arnold E. Levin,

Acting Designated Senior Official for Information Resources Management.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-528, STN-529, and STN-530]

Arizona Public Service Company; Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations for Facility Operating

License Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74, issued to Arizona Public Service Company (the licensee), for operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3, located in Maricopa County, Arizona.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt Arizona Public Service Company from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24, which requires a monitoring system that will energize clear audible alarms if accidental criticality occurs in each area in which special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored. The proposed action would also exempt the licensee from the requirements to maintain emergency procedures for each area in which this licensed special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored to ensure that all personnel withdraw to an area of safety upon the sounding of the alarm, to familiarize personnel with the evacuation plan, and to designate responsible individuals for determining the cause of the alarm, and to place radiation survey instruments in accessible locations for use in such an emergency.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated March 28, 1997.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Power reactor license applicants are evaluated for the safe handling, use, and storage of special nuclear material. The proposed exemption from criticality accident requirements is based on the original design for radiation monitoring at Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3 (PVNGS) as discussed in the NUREG-0857, "Safety Evaluation Report Related to the Operation of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3." The exemption was granted with the original Part 70 license, for the PVNGS units, but it expired with the issuance of the Part 50 licenses when the exemption was inadvertently not included in those licenses. Therefore, the exemption is needed to clearly define the design of the plant as evaluated and approved for licensing.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there is no significant environmental impact if the exemption is granted. Inadvertent or accidental criticality will be precluded through compliance with the Palo Verde Technical Specifications, the design of