

NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION**Meeting**

AGENCY: National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

TIME AND DATE: Friday, June 20, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: The meeting site will be in room 3208, East Promenade, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20407.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. for the purpose of considering internal personnel rules and practices and to allow for discussion of information of a personal nature during the consideration of hiring staff. Accordingly, it has been determined that this portion of the meeting will concern matters within sections 552b(c) (2) and (6) of Title 5, United States Code, and will be duly closed to public participation.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: At its inaugural public meeting, the National Gambling Impact Study Commission established under Public Law 104-169, dated August 3, 1996, will consider general administrative matters and substantive agenda including a report on previous gambling studies, legislative intent and the Commission workplan.

AUTHORITY: This notice is published consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972. It appears for a period of less than 15 days in advance of the meeting due to the unique scheduling requirements for the Commission's first meeting in accordance with its authorizing legislation.

CONTACT PERSONS: For further information, contact Kay C. James, Chair at (757) 579-4682 or write to 1000 Regent University Drive, Virginia Beach, VA.

Please note: The address and telephone number listed for the Commission are temporary. Information concerning the new address and telephone number will be available at the meeting.

Mark Bogdan,

Administrative Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences: Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in the Geosciences(1756).

Date and Time: July 8-9, 1997, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 770, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Stephan P. Nelson, Program Director for the Mesoscale Dynamic Meteorology Program; Division of Atmospheric Sciences; Room 775; 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230; telephone number (703) 306-1526.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate the U.S. Weather Research Program (USWRP) 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 exempted under 5 U.S. C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government Sunshine Act.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Office.

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NATIONAL SKILL STANDARDS BOARD**[SGA 97-04]****Voluntary Partnership Planning and Phase I Implementation Grants**

AGENCY: National Skill Standards Board.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds and solicitation for grant applications.

SUMMARY: The National Skill Standards Board (NSSB), under the National Skill Standards Act of 1994 (the Act), announces the availability of funds for initiating Voluntary Partnership activity through combined Planning and Phase I Implementation grants. A grant will be made to the organization or coalition of organizations best positioned and capable of convening key stakeholder representatives from across a cluster as defined by the National Skill Standards Board. It is the Board's intent that one grant will be made in each of five

clusters. It is anticipated that five awards will be made in the range of \$80,000 to \$160,000, depending on the statement of work proposed by the participant. The period of performance will vary, but will not exceed nine months. Awardees of this grant will be eligible to receive a non-competitive grant for long-term Voluntary Partnership activities.

DATES: The closing date for receipt of applications shall be August 20 at 4:45 p.m. (Eastern Time) at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Applications shall be made to the Division of Contract Administration and Grant Management, Attention: Lisa Harvey, U.S. Department of Labor, Procurement Services Office, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-5416, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To request a copy of the SGA or for questions/clarifications regarding information contained in this announcement, contact Lisa Harvey at (202) 219-9355. (This is not a toll free number). Telephonic or faxed requests for the SGA will not be honored. A copy of the SGA can also be obtained by downloading a copy from the National Skill Standards Board web page at www.nssb.org. Any clarifications and amendments to the SGA will be published in the **Federal Register** and posted on the NSSB web page. To have clarifications and amendments sent directly to your attention, please provide your name and address to Lisa Harvey at the address noted above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Skill Standards Board is soliciting proposals on a competitive basis for the conduct of activities to convene key stakeholder representatives of the clusters as defined by the National Skill Standards Board. The purpose of the grant is to initiate the implementation of the Voluntary Partnerships activities through the nine month Voluntary Partnership Planning and Phase I Implementation Grants. Applicants successfully completing the Planning and Phase I Implementation will be qualified to apply for NSSB recognition as a Voluntary Partnership. As such, they will be eligible to receive a non-competitive grant for long-term Voluntary Partnership activities. The NSSB is an independent agency for which the U.S. Department of Labor serves as fiscal agent. The Office of the Assistant Secretary of Administration (OASAM) within the U.S. Department of Labor will administer the grant process on behalf of the National Skill Standards Board. All inquiries related to

the grants should be directed to OASAM.

Eligible Applicants

Awards under this Solicitation will be made to the organization or group of organizations best positioned and capable of convening key stakeholders representative of the five clusters enumerated below. It is the Board's intent that one grant will be made in each cluster.

Project Summary

The National Skill Standards Board intends to make grants ranging from \$80,000 to \$160,000 to the organization or group of organizations best positioned and capable of convening key stakeholders in each of five clusters. This convening body will build coalitions to seek NSSB recognition as Voluntary Partnerships for the purpose of developing voluntary skill standards systems that can be endorsed by the National Skill Standards Board. One grant will be made in each of the following five clusters:

- Communications
- Construction Operations
- Education and Training Services
- Financial Services
- Hospitality and Tourism Services

Further detail on the industries and occupations contained in these five clusters will be included in the SGA application packet. These very broad clusters of major industries and occupations are consonant with the dictates of the Act (Sec. 504 (a)) which denotes that such clusters of occupations shall involve "one or more than one industry in the United States and that share characteristics that are appropriate for the development of common skill standards."

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 10 day of June 1997.

Edythe West,

Executive Director, National Skill Standards Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-286]

Power Authority of the State of New York; 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. DPR-64 issued to the Power Authority of the State of New York for operation of the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3 (IP3) located in Westchester County, New York.

The proposed amendment would permit changing the indicated control rod misalignment from the current limit of 12 steps to an indicated misalignment of ± 18 steps when the core power is less than or equal to 85% of rated thermal power (RTP) and ± 12 steps when above 85% of RTP.

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, which is presented below:

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

Response: No. Based on the Westinghouse evaluation in WCAP-14668, the Authority has determined that all pertinent licensing basis acceptance criteria have been met, and the margin of safety as defined in the TS [Technical Specifications] Bases is not reduced in any of the IP3 licensing basis accident analysis. Increasing the magnitude of allowed control rod indicated misalignment is not a contributor to the mechanistic cause of an accident evaluated in the FSAR [final safety analysis report]. Neither the rod control system nor the rod position indicator function is being altered.

Therefore, the probability of an accident previously evaluated has not significantly increased. Because design limitations continue to be met, and the integrity of the reactor coolant system pressure boundary is not challenged, the assumptions employed in the calculation of the offsite radiological

doses remain valid. Therefore, the consequences of an accident previously evaluated will not be significantly increased.

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

Response: No. Based on the Westinghouse evaluation in WCAP-14668, the Authority has determined that all pertinent licensing basis acceptance criteria have been met, and the margin of safety as defined in the TS is not reduced in any of the IP3 licensing basis accident analysis. Increasing the magnitude of allowed control rod indicated misalignment is not a contributor to the mechanistic cause of any accident. Neither the rod control system nor the rod position indicator function is being altered. Therefore, an accident which is new or different than any previously evaluated will not be created.

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

Response: No. Based on the Westinghouse evaluation in WCAP-14668, the Authority has determined that all pertinent licensing basis acceptance criteria have been met, and the margin of safety as defined in the TS Bases is not reduced in any of the IP3 licensing basis accident analysis based on the changes to safety analyses input parameter values as discussed in WCAP-14668. Since the evaluations in Section 3.0 of WCAP-14668 demonstrate that all applicable acceptance criteria continue to be met, the proposed change will not involve a significant reduction in margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, 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