

including rebaselining of the Committee activities for FY 1998.

**4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)**—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 1, 1996 (61 FR 51310). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public and nuclear industry, electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch, at least five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) Public Law 92-463, I have determined that it is necessary to close portions of this meeting noted above to discuss matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), to discuss information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), and to discuss information provided in confidence by a foreign source per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch (telephone 301/415-7364), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. EDT.

ACRS meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672 or ftp.fedworld. These documents and the meeting agenda are also available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Dated: June 18, 1997.

**Andrew L. Bates,**  
*Advisory Committee Management.*  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATES:** Weeks of June 23, 30, July 7 and 14, 1997.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

#### Week of June 23

##### Wednesday, June 25

10:00 a.m. Briefing on Operating Reactors and Fuel Facilities (Public Meeting) (Contact: William Dean, 301-415-1726)

11:30 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

2:00 p.m. Briefing on Salem (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Zwolinski, 301-415-1453)

#### Week of June 30—Tentative

##### Thursday, July 3

11:30 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

#### Week of July 7—Tentative

##### Tuesday, July 8

3:30 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

#### Week of July 14—Tentative

##### Thursday, July 17

2:30 p.m. Meeting with NRC Executive Council (Public Meeting) (Contact: James L. Blaha 301-415-1703)

4:00 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

\*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: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule/htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to [wmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

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Dated: June 19, 1997.

**Annette Vietti-Cook,**  
*Assistant Secretary of the Commission.*  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-508 and 50-509]

### Intent To Relocate Local Public Document Room

Notice is hereby given that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will be relocating the local public document room (LPDR) for records pertaining to Washington Public Power Supply System's Washington Nuclear Units 3 and 5 (WPPSS) site located in Satsop, Washington. The WPPSS LPDR is currently located at the W. H. Abel Memorial Library, 125 Main Street, Montesano, Washington. Library staff informed the NRC that they no longer wish to maintain the document collection and request that it be moved. This notice invites public comment on possible LPDR locations in the Satsop, Washington, area.

Among the factors the NRC will consider in selecting a new location for the LPDR are the following:

- (1) Whether the institution is an established document repository located near the nuclear facility with a history of impartially serving the public;
- (2) The physical facilities available, including shelf space, storage space, patron workspace, copying equipment and computer access;
- (3) The willingness and ability of the library staff to maintain the LPDR collection and assist the public in locating records;
- (4) The nature and extent of related research resources, such as government documents;
- (5) The public accessibility of the library, including handicap

accessibility, parking, ground transportation, and hours of operation, particularly evening and weekend hours;

(6) The proximity of the library to existing user groups of the collection, if known.

Comment period expires July 8, 1997. Written comments may be submitted to Mr. David Meyer, Chief, Regulatory Publications Branch, Office of Administration, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW, Washington, DC.

Questions concerning the NRC's LPDR Program should be addressed to Ms. Jona L. Souder, LPDR Program Manager, Freedom of Information/Local Public Document Room Branch, Office of Information Resources Management, U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone number 301-415-7170, or toll-free 1-800-638-8081.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of June, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Russell A. Powell,**

*Chief, Freedom of Information/Local Public Document Room Branch, Office of Information Resources Management.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-255, 50-266, 50-301, 50-313, 50-368, 72-5, 72-7, 72-13, and 72-1007]

### Consumers Power Company (Palisades Nuclear Plant), Wisconsin Electric Power Company (Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2), Entergy Operations, Inc. (Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1, and 2); Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, has issued a Director's Decision concerning a Petition dated October 18, 1996, filed by Don't Waste Michigan and the Lake Michigan Federation (Petitioners) under Section 2.206 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 2.206). The Petition requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission order all users of Ventilated Storage Casks (VSC-24) systems to refrain from loading any casks until the certificate of compliance (COC), safety analysis report (SAR), and safety evaluation report (SER) are

amended to include operating controls and limits to prevent hazardous conditions. Such conditions include the generation of explosive gases, caused by the interaction between the VSC materials and the environments, encountered during loading, storage, and unloading.

Further, Petitioners claim the VSC-24 should not be used until: (i) An independent third-party review team has examined the safety issues they raise; (ii) the potential impacts of all material aspects of the casks have been fully assessed; (iii) there is experimental verification of temperature calculations and heat transfer assessments and other design assumptions; (iv) the safety of the material coatings on components and structures has been justified; and (v) the SAR, SER, and COC are amended to include the necessary operating control and limits to direct safe use of the VSC-24.

The Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards has determined that the Petition should be denied for the reasons stated in the "Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206" (DD-97-15), the complete text of which follows this notice. The decision and documents cited in the decision are available for public inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

A copy of this decision has been filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206(c). As provided therein, this decision will become the final action of the Commission 25 days after issuance unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes review of the decision within that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of June, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Malcolm R. Knapp,**

*Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

### Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

[DD-97-15]

#### I. Introduction

On October 18, 1996, Don't Waste Michigan and the Lake Michigan Federation (Petitioners) filed a Petition pursuant to Section 2.206 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 2.206) requesting that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission take the following action:

Prohibit loading of Ventilated Storage Casks (VSC-24s) until the certificate of compliance (COC), the Safety analysis report

(SAR), and the safety evaluation report (SER) are amended following an independent, third-party review of the VSC-24 design, to address concerns raised by the Petitioners' engineering consultant, Dr. Rudolf Hausler.

The Petition has been referred to me pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206. By letter dated December 10, 1996, to Dr. Mary Sinclair and Ms. Eleanor Roemer, on behalf of the Petitioners, NRC acknowledged receipt of the Petition and provided the NRC staff's determination that the Petition did not require immediate action by the NRC. Notice of receipt was published in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 1997 (62 FR 1783).

On the basis of the NRC staff's evaluation of the issues and for the reasons given below, I have determined that the Petitioners' request should be denied.

#### II. Background

On May 28, 1996, a hydrogen gas ignition occurred during the welding of the shield lid after spent fuel had been loaded into a VSC-24 at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant. The hydrogen was formed by a chemical reaction between a zinc-based coating (Carbo Zinc 11) and the borated water in the spent fuel pool. On June 3, 1996, the NRC issued confirmatory action letters (CALs) to those licensees using or planning to use VSC-24s for dry storage of spent nuclear fuel, i.e., licensees for Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Palisades Nuclear Generating Plant, and Arkansas Nuclear One (ANO). The CAL issued to the licensee for ANO was supplemented on June 21, 1996, and the CALs issued to the licensees for Point Beach and Palisades were supplemented on June 27, 1996. The CALs, as supplemented, documented the licensees' commitments not to load or unload a VSC-24 without resolution of material compatibility issues identified in a forthcoming general communication and subsequent NRC confirmation of corrective actions taken by the licensees. The generic communication was issued on July 5, 1996, in the form of NRC Bulletin 96-04, "Chemical, Galvanic, or Other Reactions in Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Casks." NRC Bulletin 96-04 notified addressees about the potential for adverse chemical, galvanic, or other reactions among the materials of a spent fuel storage or transportation cask, its contents, and the environments the cask may encounter during use. The actions requested in Bulletin 96-04 included reviewing the cask materials for potential adverse reactions, evaluating the short-term and long-term effects of any identified reactions, and