

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Occupational Safety and Health Administration****National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH); Notice of Open Meeting**

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration announces an open meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH). Congress created NACOSH to advise the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters relating to the administration of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

DATES: The meeting date is Tuesday, October 14, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to about 4:30 p.m. Submit comments and requests for disability accommodations by October 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place in the Auditorium (Rooms 1046-48) of the Appalachian Laboratories of Occupational Safety and Health, NIOSH, located at 1095 Willowdale Road in Morgantown, West Virginia. Mail comments to Joanne Goodell, OSHA, N-3641, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tour Registration and Disability Accommodations: Rebecca Talerico, 304-285-5838; e-mail rjg3@cdc.gov; fax 304-285-5717.

Other Information: Joanne Goodell, 202-219-8021 x107; e-mail jgoodell@dol.gov; fax 202-219-4383.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Meeting Agenda**

Agenda items will include: a brief overview of current activities at OSHA and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), an update on OSHA's Cooperative Compliance Programs (CCP) and 11(c) Program, a discussion of OSHA/NIOSH collaboration, a report from the NACOSH Ergonomics workgroup, and a tour of the facility.

Public Participation

Those wishing to tour the new laboratory should register with NIOSH through Rebecca Talerico at the number above. Also contact Ms. Talerico for special disability accommodations.

Interested persons may send written comments, views, statements or data for consideration by NACOSH, preferably

with 20 copies, to Joanne Goodell at the address above. An official record of the meeting will be available for public inspection in the OSHA Technical Data Center (TDC) located in Room N2625 of the Department of Labor Building (202-219-7500).

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. 10(a)(2) and 29 CFR 1912a.7)

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 9th day of September, 1997.

Greg Watchman,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**Notice of Publication**

SUMMARY: Federal Telecommunications Recommendation (FTR) 1070-1997, "Detail Specification for 62.5-µm Core Diameter/125-µm Cladding Diameter Class 1a Multimode, Graded Index Optical Waveguide Fibers" was approved for publication on September 2, 1997. This recommendation defines the optical, geometrical, environmental, and mechanical specifications for glass multimode optical waveguide fibers. This recommendation is based on ANSI/EIA/TIA-492AAAA-1989 (FIPS PUB 159).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Dennis Bodson at telephone (703) 607-6200 or write to the National Communications System, Attn: N6, 701 South Court House Road, Arlington VA 22204-2198.

Dennis Bodson,

Chief, Technology and Standards Division.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION**Notice of Meeting**

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 17, 1997.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Request from Credit Union to Convert to a Federally Chartered Community Credit Union.

2. Request from a Proposed Federal Credit Union for a Low-Income Community Charter.

3. Requests from Federal Credit Unions to Convert to a Community charter.

4. Request from a Savings and Loan Association Converting to a Proposed Credit Union for Federal Share Insurance.

5. Proposed Amendments to Interpretive Ruling and Policy Statement (IRPS) 94-1, Chartering Manual.

6. Proposed Rule: Amendments to Section 725.19, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Central Liquidity Facility Collateral Requirements.

7. Proposed Notice to Withdraw Certain Outdated Interpretive Rulings and Policy Statements (IRPS).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board, Telephone 703-518-6304.

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Secretary of the Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-263]

Northern States Power Company (Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant); Exemption**I.**

Northern States Power Company (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-22 which authorizes operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant. The Monticello facility is a boiling-water reactor located at the licensee's site in Wright County, Minnesota. The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

II.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), "Specific exemptions," the Commission may grant exemptions from the requirements of the regulations of this part (1) which are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security; and (2) where special circumstances are present.

Section 50.54(q) of 10 CFR Part 50 requires a licensee authorized to operate a nuclear power reactor to follow and maintain in effect emergency plans that meet the standards of 10 CFR 50.47(b) and the requirements of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50. Section IV.F.2.c of Appendix E requires that offsite plans

for each site shall be exercised biennially with full participation by each offsite authority having a role under the plan.

III.

In a letter dated August 18, 1997, the licensee requested a one-time exemption from the requirements of Section IV.F.2.c of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50 to exercise Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant's offsite emergency preparedness (EP) plans with State and local government authorities within the plant's plume exposure pathway emergency planning zone (EPZ). The licensee requested this one-time exemption in support of the State of Minnesota's request for relief from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements in 44 CFR Part 350 to biennially exercise offsite EP plans. The State and local counties requested relief from FEMA requirements (in accordance with Section 350.9.c of 44 CFR Part 350) due to the hardships caused by recent natural disasters. In a letter dated August 12, 1997, to FEMA Region V, the State of Minnesota provided the following justification for its relief request:

The Minnesota Division of Emergency Management (DEM) and other State agencies are in various phases of seven Presidential Declarations of Major Disasters within the last 2 years. The State experienced record cold, crippling snowfall, and the worst floods in its history. Thousands of State, local, and Federal emergency responders were activated. In July 1997, a string of severe storms brought high speed straight line winds, tornadoes, and more flooding to central Minnesota. DEM continues to have 42 percent of its staff assigned to these natural disasters.

Sherburne and Wright counties (the counties within the plume exposure EPZ) are still conducting damage assessment for their third Presidential Declaration in the last 8 months. Personnel responsible for coordinating the radiological response plan implementation in the upcoming exercise are still in the midst of clean-up, restoration, recovery, and human services activities.

The State has a good record of exercise performance and has not received an exercise deficiency since 1991. Neither county has ever received an exercise deficiency.

Minnesota received numerous accolades from FEMA for the effective and efficient way in which it responded to these natural disasters. The State and county drew upon the planning and exercise experiences from the last 15 years in radiological EP and feel that the actual use of plans and procedures was far more valuable than an exercise.

As stated in 10 CFR 50.47, the NRC bases its finding on the adequacy of offsite EP on FEMA's assessment. In a letter dated August 21, 1997, FEMA

notified the NRC that it has determined that granting this relief will have no undue risk on public safety. Since the licensee intends to perform the onsite portion of the 1997 biennial exercise, granting this one-time exemption will not affect the status of onsite EP. Based upon FEMA's assessment of offsite EP for the State and local counties within Monticello's EPZ, and since the onsite portion of the biennial exercise will be performed in 1997, granting this one-time exemption will not pose undue risk to public health and safety.

Section 50.12(a)(2) of 10 CFR specifies that special circumstances must exist for the Commission to consider an exemption request and provides a list of conditions, any of which constitute special circumstances. One of these conditions is "the exemption would provide only temporary relief from the applicable regulation and the licensee has made good faith efforts to comply with the regulation." The licensee will perform the onsite portion of the 1997 biennial exercise and only requested this exemption because of the hardships that performing the offsite portion of the exercise would have on the State and local counties. The licensee expects full participation of the State and local agencies in the next biennial exercise scheduled for June 22, 1999. In addition, the State is scheduled to participate in the July 1998 exercise at the Prairie Island nuclear power plant. Therefore, special circumstances exist that allow for consideration of the licensee's exemption request.

IV.

Accordingly, the Commission has determined, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), that this exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. The Commission has further determined that special circumstances as provided in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2) are present justifying the exemption.

Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the requested one-time exemption from the requirements of Section IV.F.2.c of Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (62 FR 47520).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of September 1997.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Frank J. Miraglia,
Acting Director Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket 70-7002]

Notice of Amendment to Certificate of Compliance GDP-2 for the U.S. Enrichment Corporation (Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Portsmouth, Ohio)

The Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, has made a determination that the following amendment request is not significant in accordance with 10 CFR 76.45. In making that determination the staff concluded that (1) there is no change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite; (2) there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure; (3) there is no significant construction impact; (4) there is no significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents; (5) the proposed changes do not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident; (6) there is no significant reduction in any margin of safety; and (7) the proposed changes will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards or security programs. The basis for this determination for the amendment request is shown below.

The NRC staff has reviewed the certificate amendment application and concluded that it provides reasonable assurance of adequate safety, safeguards, and security, and compliance with NRC requirements. Therefore, the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, is prepared to issue an amendment to the Certificate of Compliance for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The staff has prepared a Compliance Evaluation Report which provides details of the staff's evaluation.

The NRC staff has determined that this amendment satisfies the criteria for a categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for this amendment.

USEC or any person whose interest may be affected may file a petition, not exceeding 30 pages, requesting review