

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Radiography Workshop**

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff plans to convene a public workshop to discuss issues concerning industrial radiography associated equipment. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the American Society for Nondestructive Testing, Inc.'s (ASNT's), 1997 Fall Conference and Quality Testing Show, Post Conference Seminar. The issues to be discussed include a vendor petition for rulemaking to remove the reference to associated equipment from radiography equipment regulations and an NRC proposal for resolving certain issues. The workshop will also provide an opportunity for representatives from the radiography industry to comment on how associated equipment should be regulated.

DATE AND TIME: The workshop will meet on October 24, 1997, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Double Tree Hotel Pittsburgh, 1000 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222. Telephone 412-281-3700. ASNT telephone number: (800) 222-ASNT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Bruce Carrico, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, MS T8F5, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-7826, e-mail jbc@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 10, 1991, NRC published in the **Federal Register** (55 FR 843) a final rule revising the regulations applicable to industrial radiography, 10 CFR Part 34. The revision introduced a new section, 10 CFR 34.20, that required licensees to only use radiographic exposure devices and associated equipment that comply with criteria specified in that section. Paragraph (d) of 10 CFR 34.20 provided that all newly manufactured radiographic exposure devices and associated equipment (manufactured after January 10, 1992) acquired by NRC licensees must meet 10 CFR 34.20 requirements (specified in American National Standards Institute (ANSI), N432-1980). In addition, licensees were to ensure that all equipment used in radiographic operations after January 10, 1996, complies with the applicable requirements.

Since the final implementation date, i.e., January 10, 1996, some confusion has arisen concerning the regulations' applicability to associated equipment. Associated equipment is currently defined as, " * * * equipment that is used in conjunction with a radiographic exposure device to make radiographic exposures that drives, guides, or comes in contact with the source, (e.g., guide tube, control tube, control (drive) cable, removable source stop, "J" tube and collimator when it is used as an exposure head." In addition, in April 1996, NRC received a Petition for Rulemaking requesting that "NRC amend its regulations to remove reference to associated equipment from § 34.20 so that continued inspection and enforcement of the rule would be performed on the basis of source and device reviews only." The objective of this workshop is to discuss NRC's understanding of the problems and possible solutions, and provide a forum for an exchange of ideas between industry representatives and NRC on how associated equipment should be regulated. NRC anticipates that representatives from the regulated industry and the equipment manufacturers will be in attendance.

Conduct of the Workshop: The workshop will be chaired by Larry W. Camper, Chief, Medical, Academic, and Commercial Use Safety Branch, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. The workshop will be conducted in a manner that will expedite the orderly conduct of business. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 14th day of October, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Larry W. Camper,

Chief Medical, Academic, and Commercial Use Safety Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Sunshine Act Meeting**

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of October 20, 27, November 3, and 10, 1997.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of October 20

There are no meetings the week of October 20.

Week of October 27—Tentative

Wednesday, October 29

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (public meeting) (if needed)

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Site Decommissioning Plan (SDMP) (public meeting) (Contact: John Hickey—301-415-7234)

Thursday, October 30

10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

All Employees Meetings (public meetings) on "The Green" Plaza Area between buildings at White Flint (Contact: Bill Hill—301-415-1661)

Week of November 3

Tuesday, November 4

2:00 p.m.

Meeting with Commonwealth Edison (public meeting)

Wednesday, November 5

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Staff's Plans for 50.59 Regulatory Process Improvements (public meeting)

11:00 a.m.

Affirmation Session (public meeting) (if needed)

Week of November 10

There are no meetings the week of November 10.

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>

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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 or dkw@nrc.gov.

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Dated: October 17, 1997.

William M. Hill, Jr.

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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POSTAL SERVICE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting; Notification of Item Added to Meeting Agenda

DATE OF MEETING: October 6, 1997.

STATUS: Closed.

PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 62 FR 51169, September 30, 1997.

CHANGE: At its meeting on October 6, 1997, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to add an item to the agenda of its closed meeting held on that date: Compensation Issues.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Thomas J. Koerber, Secretary of the Board, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW., Washington, DC 20260-1000. Telephone (202) 268-4800.

Thomas J. Koerber,
Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extention: Rule 17a-23 and Form 17A-23; SEC File No. 270-387; OMB Control No. 3235-0442.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

• Rule 17a-23 and Form 17A-23 Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements Relating to Broker-Dealer Trading Systems

Rule 17a-23 and Form 17A-23, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

establish recordkeeping and reporting requirements for approximately 143 registered broker-dealers that operate certain automated trading systems ("Broker-Dealer Trading System" or "BDTS"). Rule 17a-23 requires any registered broker-dealer that sponsors a BDTS to maintain participant, volume, and transaction records. Rule 17a-23 and Form 17A-23 also require system sponsors to submit three reports to the Commission and, under certain circumstances, to an appropriate self-regulatory organization. These recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission with monitoring broker-dealers that operate BDTSs and with ensuring compliance with Rule 17a-23.

The Commission staff estimates the average number of hours necessary for each BDTS sponsor to comply with Rule 17a-23 is 46 hours annually. The total burden is 6,542 hours annually for the broker-dealers operating BDTSs, based upon past submissions. The average cost per hour is approximately \$7.00. Therefore, the total annual cost of compliance for the 143 broker-dealers operating BDTSs is \$46,046.00.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection on respondents, including through the use automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549.

Dated: October 14, 1997.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 22856; 812-10632]

Smith Barney Muni Funds, et al.; Notice of Application

October 14, 1997.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

ACTION: Notice of application under section 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act.

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Order requested to allow a series of a registered investment company to acquire substantially all of the assets and certain liabilities of another of its series. Because of certain affiliations, applicants may not rely on rule 17a-8 under the Act.

APPLICANTS: Smith Barney Muni Funds (the "Trust"), Smith Barney Mutual Funds Management Inc. ("SBMFM"), and Smith Barney Inc. ("Smith Barney")

FILING DATES: The application was filed on April 22, 1997, and amended on August 20, 1997.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the SEC's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on November 10, 1997, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the SEC's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, SEC, 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Applicants, 388 Greenwich Street, 22nd Floor, New York, New York 10013. Attention: Christina T. Sydor, Esq.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen L. Knisley, Staff Attorney, at (202) 942-0517, or Christine Y. Greenlees, Branch Chief, at (202) 942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth