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Dated: November 26, 1997.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

Secy, Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Extension of Comment Period

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1070, "Sampling Plans Used for Dedicating Simple Metallic Commercial Grade Items for Use in Nuclear Power Plants," for public comment in September 1997 (see 62 FR 52166). This draft guide is being developed to describe methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the NRC's regulations with regard to quality assurance requirements when using a sampling plan for dedicating simple metallic commercial grade items for unrestricted use in nuclear power plants.

The Nuclear Energy Institute has requested a 60-day extension of the comment period. The NRC hereby grants NEI's request and extends the comment period from December 1, 1997, to January 30, 1998.

Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives 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, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Comments may also be submitted via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page

(<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Printing, Graphics and Distribution Branch; or by fax at (301) 415-5272. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of November 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W. Craig,

Deputy Director, Division of Engineering Technology, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee Open Committee Meetings

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on:

Thursday, January 15, 1998
Thursday, January 29, 1998
Thursday, February 12, 1998
Thursday, February 26, 1998
Thursday, March 12, 1998
Thursday, March 26, 1998

The meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under

subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the Office of Personnel Management.

These scheduled meetings will start in open session with both labor and management representatives attending. During the meetings either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately with the Chair to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee's Secretary.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on this meeting may be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5559, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415 (202) 606-1500.

Dated: November 21, 1997.

Phyllis G. Heuerman,

Chair, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #2990]

California

Yuba County and the contiguous counties of Butte, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, and Sutter in the State of California constitute a disaster area as a result of damages caused by a severe fire which occurred on September 27-28, 1997. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on January 20, 1998 and for economic injury until the close of

business on August 20, 1998 at the address listed below: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 4 Office, P.O. Box 13795, Sacramento, CA 95853-4795 or other locally announced locations.

The interest rates are:

	Percent
For Physical Damage:	
Homeowners with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Homeowners without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Businesses with credit available elsewhere	8.000
Businesses and non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere	4.000
Others (including non-profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere	7.250
For Economic Injury:	
Businesses and small agricultural cooperatives without credit available elsewhere	4.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 299005 and for economic injury the number is 967000.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59002 and 59008)

Dated: November 20, 1997.

Aida Alvarez,
Administrator.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Region III Advisory Council; Public Meeting

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Region III Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Clarksburg, West Virginia, will hold a public meeting at 10:30 am-3:30 pm, on Thursday, December 4, 1997, at U.S. Small Business Administration, Charleston Branch Office, 4th Floor Conference Room, 405 Capitol Street, Charleston, WV, 25301 to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Ms. Jayne Armstrong, State Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 168 West Main Street, Clarksburg, WV, 26301, (304) 623-5631.

Gene Carlson,
Associate Administrator, Office of Communications & Public Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2655]

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; Determination Under the Arms Export Control Act

Pursuant to Section 654(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Acting Secretary of State has made a determination pursuant to Section 81 of the Arms Export Control Act and has concluded that publication of the determination would be harmful to the national security of the United States.

Dated: November 19, 1997.

Thomas E. McNamara,
Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2659]

Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on Private International Law (ACPIL); Study Group on Electronic Commerce Meeting Notice

The Department of Commerce and the Department of State's Advisory Committee Study Group on Electronic Commerce will cosponsor a meeting Monday, December 15 in Washington, DC, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Department of Commerce. The purpose of the meeting is to review international and national developments concerning computer-based signature and message integrity systems, and consider possible approaches to international rules and related domestic concerns. In particular, consideration will be given to meetings on these and related topics at the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), the OECD and other international bodies.

The Advisory Committee will also consider, where relevant, recent developments at the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), legislative initiatives by states within the U.S., and programs of various federal agencies.

Issues that may be reviewed by the Advisory Committee include, but are not limited to, prior U.S. views encouraging international bodies to examine all forms of electronic signatures, and to encompass both regulated/licensed systems as well as unregulated private sector systems; whether rules for signature systems should distinguish between commercial

and consumer transactions; possible rules on risk allocation, attribution and reliance; whether third party assurance providers, such as certifying authorities, should have to meet minimum levels of assurance; what role information security standards should play in this process; whether rules are needed on incorporation by reference; what types of rules for cross-certification between different countries are feasible; whether agreement should be sought on underlying rules for accreditation, and if so, in what international bodies, and other related issues. Jurisdictional issues will also be discussed as appropriate.

Participants may wish to review the recently completed UNCITRAL Model Law on Electronic Commerce, available with a Guide to Enactment from U.N. document outlets as Doc. V.97-22269, May 1997, or from the Office of the Legal Adviser at the address below, which covers the legal effect and validity of computer messages in commercial transactions; functional equivalents of signatures, writing, etc.; attribution of messages; time and place where communications are deemed to have taken place, and other matters.

The meeting is open to the public up to the capacity of the meeting room, and members of the public may participate subject to rulings of the Chair. The meeting will be held at the Department of Commerce in Conference Room 5855; entry to the Commerce Department should be through the main entrance on 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues. Participants should register in advance since space may be limited. Please advise either the Office of Legal Adviser (L/PIL) at the State Department by calling Rosie Gonzales at (202) 776-8420 or by fax 776-8482, or e-mail at: pildb@his.com., or Brian Hengesbaugh at the Commerce Department, Office of Chief Counsel for International Commerce, (202) 482-4602 or fax (202) 482-4076, of your name and government agency identification, or affiliation and address, as well as telephone and fax number, and e-mail if available.

Members of the public who cannot attend are welcome to request available documentation and to comment in writing on this topic, including any recommendations for possible U.S. positions to be put forward at international meetings on electronic signatures. For documentation or additional information contact Harold Burman at the State Department Office indicated above. The mailing address is: Office of the Legal Adviser, Suite 355