

OPEN CONFERENCE CALLS: These advisory committee conference calls of the National Council on Disability will be open to the public. However, due to fiscal constraints and staff limitations, a limited number of additional lines will be available. Individuals can also participate in the conference calls at the NCD office. Those interested in joining these conference calls should contact the appropriate staff member listed above.

Records will be kept of all International Watch conference calls and will be available after the meeting for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC, on February 9, 1999.

Ethel D. Briggs,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: National Labor Relations Board.

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Tuesday February 9, 1999.

PLACE: Board Conference Room, Eleventh Floor, 1099 Fourteenth St., NW., Washington, DC 20570.

STATUS: Closed to public observation pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552b(c)(2) (internal personnel rules and practices); and (9)(B) (disclosure would significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed Agency action * * *).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Personnel.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: John J. Toner, Executive Secretary, Washington, DC 20570, Telephone: (202) 273-1940.

Dated: Washington, DC, February 10, 1999.

By direction of the Board:

John J. Toner,

Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Establish an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans

to request clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than 1 year.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by April 19, 1999 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230; telephone (703) 306-1125x2017; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Impact of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis Programs on Scientific Knowledge, Career Development of US Scientists, and US Institutional Capabilities for Research and Policy Development.

OMB Number: 3145-NEW.

Expiration Date of Approval: Not applicable.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to carry out a new information collection for one year.

Abstract: "Outcomes and Impacts of Research Programs of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)"

Proposed Project: The International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in Laxenburg, Austria, is a non-governmental, multilateral research institution created in 1972. IIASA's most recent 10-year strategic plan, adopted in 1992, focuses on research in three thematic areas: (1) Global Environmental Change; (2) Global Economic and Technological Transitions; and (3) Systems Methods for the Analysis of Global Issues. Its core research programs are funded by annual contributions from member countries. Since 1989 the US contribution has been funded by a series of grants from the National Science Foundation's Division of International Programs (NSF/INT). NSF is seeking to identify (1) the impacts of IIASA's research programs on scientific knowledge and on the education and careers of US

scientists, and (2) the impacts of the information and options resulting from IIASA's research on public and private policy-related institutions in the United States.

To achieve these objectives, data will be collected from senior US scientists who have conducted research at IIASA since the current strategic plan went into effect in 1992, and from US scientists who have been participants in IIASA's Young Summer Scientists Program from 1992 through the time the data is collected. Respondents will be asked to respond to questions relevant to such factors as: (1) the impacts of their experience at IIASA on their future scientific work and career development; the impacts of IIASA's research on conceptual developments in their disciplines; and the impacts of the results of IIASA's research on US institutional capabilities for research and policy analysis.

Use of the Information: The information will be used by NSF to assess the extent to which the results of research that has been supported at IIASA involving US researchers are consistent with the specific outcome goals defined in the context of the NSF Strategic Plan approved by OMB and the Congress, as required by the General Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993. Among NSF's five approved outcome goals, the three that are most relevant to its investments in research at IIASA are: promoting discoveries at and across the frontier of science and engineering; facilitating connections between discoveries and their use in service to society; developing a diverse, globally oriented workforce of scientists and engineers.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 60 minutes per response.

Respondents: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Responses per Form: 120.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 120 hours, broken down by 120 respondents at 1 hour per response.

Frequency of Responses: One time.

Comments

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 estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 12, 1999.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 7, 1999, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on February 8, 1999 to the following applicants:

Rennie S. Holt—Permit No. 99-010, Modification #1

Rae Natalie Prosser Goodall—Permit No. 99-020

Polly Penhale,

Program Manager.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-313]

Entergy Operations Inc.; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee) to withdraw its April 29, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility

Operating License No. DPR-51 for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit No. 1, located in Pope County, Arkansas.

The proposed amendment would have revised the minimum conditions for criticality associated with pressurizer water level. The amendment would have also revised various Technical Specification Bases sections, including revising the acceptable as-found tolerance value for the pressurizer safety valves pressure setting and changing the value for flowrate through the pressurizer safety valves.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 1996 (61 FR 42279). However, by letter dated January 29, 1999, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated April 29, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated January 29, 1999, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Tomlinson Library, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, AR 72801.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of February 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Nicholas D. Hilton,
Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-1, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-458, 50-440]

License No. NPF-47, Entergy Operations, Inc. and License No. NPF-58, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company; Notice of Informal 10 CFR 2.206 Public Hearing

In a **Federal Register** notice published on January 21, 1999 (64 FR 3320), the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced that it will hold an informal public hearing regarding two petitions submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 involving the River Bend Station (RBS), operated by Entergy Operations, Incorporated, (the RBS licensee), and Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP), Unit 1, operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (the PNPP

licensee). The hearing will be held on February 22, 1999. The location for the hearing will be at the NRC, room T-2B3. The NRC is located at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The hearing will be open to public attendance and will be transcribed.

In order to assist members of the public who live in the vicinity of the River Bend and Perry facilities participate in the informal public hearing being conducted in the Washington, D. C. area, the NRC will provide video teleconferencing (VTC) services at the following facilities located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Cleveland, Ohio, and Painesville, Ohio: Center For Instructional

Telecommunications, Coates Hall, Room 202, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

The Forum Conference and Education Center, Inc., One Cleveland Center Office Building, 1375 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

and,
Arthur S. Holden Center, Distance Learning Facility, Room 302, Lake Erie College, 391 West Washington Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

The video teleconferencing facilities in all three cities will be made available to the public at 12:30 p.m. EST (11:30 a.m. CST). In order to avoid a conflict with a previously-scheduled class, members of the public participating in the informal public hearing at the LSU/Baton Rouge site will need to vacate the VTC classroom at 3:45 p.m. local time (CST). Similarly, members of the public attending the informal public hearing at the Lake Erie College facility will need to vacate the VTC classroom by 5:30 p.m. local time. The NRC will make every attempt to ensure that members of the public at the Baton Rouge and Lake Erie College sites who wish to make a statement will have the opportunity to provide their comments prior to loss of the video connection. The NRC will adjust the meeting structure outlined below, as required, to allow for public comment.

The structure of the hearing shall be as follows:

Monday, February 22, 1999:

1:00 p.m.—NRC opening remarks
1:15 p.m.—Petitioner's presentation
2:00 p.m.—NRC questions
2:15 p.m.—RBS licensee's presentation
2:45 p.m.—NRC questions
3:00 p.m.—PNPP licensee's presentation
3:30 p.m.—NRC questions
3:45 p.m.—Public comments
—Baton Rouge, Louisiana VTC site
—Painesville, Ohio site
—Cleveland, Ohio VTC site
—NRC Headquarters