

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems (1205).

Date and Time: July 25, 2000, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 580, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Richard J. Frigaszy, Program Director, Geomechanics and Geotechnical Systems, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, Room 545, (703) 306-1361.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate nominations for the FY'00 MBSCON Review Panel as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: July 5, 2000.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name and Committee Code: Special Emphasis Panel in Elementary, Secondary and Informal Education (#59)

Date and Time: Sunday, July 30, 2000, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.; and Monday, July 31, 2000 through Wednesday, August 2, 2000; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: Capitol Hilton Hotel, 16th and K Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Anna Suarez, Program Director, Presidential Awardees, Education and Human Resources, Secondary and Informal Education, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1613.

Purpose of Meeting: To select the Presidential Awardees for 2000.

Agenda: To review and select applicants for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Reason for Closing: The applicants being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Physics; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Physics (1208).

Date/Time: July 20-21, 2000; 8:00AM-5:30PM.

Place: Room 1020, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Marvin Goldberg, Program Director for Elementary Particle Physics, Division of Physics, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1015, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1894.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice on major project costs of proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals as part of the evaluation process for funding.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; information on personnel and proprietary data for present and future subcontracts. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Reason for Late Notice: This notice was late due to scheduling and travel arrangements for panel members.

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Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Advisory Committee for Polar Programs; Committee of Visitors; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs (1130); Committee of Visitors.

Date/Time: July 25-26, 2000, 8:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.; and July 27, 2000 1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.

Place: NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Part-Open.

Contact Person: Altie Metcalf, Budget and Planning Officer, Room 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306-1030.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors review, including program evaluation and GPRA assessments.

Agenda: Closed: July 25, 2000, 1:00-5:30; and July 26, 2000, 8:30-10:00. To review the merit review processes covering funding decisions made during the immediately preceding three fiscal years.

Open: July 25, 2000, 8:00-12:00; July 26, 2000, 10:15-5:30; and July 27, 2000 1:00-5:00. To assess results of NSF program investments. This shall involve a discussion and review of results focused on NSF and grantee outputs and related outcomes achieved or realized during the preceding three fiscal years. These results may be based on NSF grants or other investments made in earlier years.

Reason for Closing: During the closed session, the COV will be reviewing proposals that will include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Advisory Committee for Small Business Industrial Innovation; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Small Business Industrial Innovation (61).

Date/Time: August 14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 28-31 2000; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Joseph Hennessey, Acting Director, Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs, Room 590, Division of Design, Manufacturing, and Industrial Innovation, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 305-1395 x 5283.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 USC 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8767]

Finding of No Significant Impact Related to Amendment of Materials License No. SUC-1380, U.S. Department of the Army, Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Independence, MO

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuing a license amendment to Materials License No. SUC-1380, held by the U.S. Department of the Army (Army or the licensee), to authorize remediation of radioactive contamination in both the 600-yard bullet catcher and the southeast wing of Building 3A areas of its Lake City Army Ammunition Plant (LCAAP) located in Independence, Missouri.

Summary of Environmental Assessment

Background

The Army is the holder of Materials License No. SUC-1380 (hereafter, license) which the NRC originally issued on June 6, 1980, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). This license, among other things, authorizes the Army to possess depleted uranium (DU) and DU-contaminated waste incident to decommissioning of facilities at LCAAP.

During the 1960s and 1970s, the Army produced and tested DU XM-101 spotter rounds at LCAAP. Part of the production of the XM-101 spotter rounds took place in the southeast wing of Building 3A. By 1968, the program was terminated and approximately 44,000 XM-101 spotter rounds were left on site. In 1971, because the rounds were fused, the licensee decided that a safe method for demilitarizing the remaining rounds was to fire the rounds into a sand-filled catch box. The actual catch box used for this demilitarization operation was the "600-yard bullet catcher." The catch box was filled with sand as an impact material. During this demilitarization operation, the impact material in the catch box was periodically replaced with fresh impact material. The used impact material (*i.e.*, DU-contaminated sand) was removed from the catch box and placed in an area of the site known as "Area 10." The Army, by letter dated May 1, 1998, submitted revision 5.1 of its plan to remediate Area 10. The NRC authorized remediation of Area 10, in accordance with that plan, on August 25, 1998 (License Amendment No. 32). The LCAAP site includes two production buildings that were used to produce the DU-spotter rounds. The production buildings, 3A and 12A, were remediated in April 1987. However, during an inspection in 1995, the staff identified several locations in the southeast wing of Building 3A, on the floor and walls, with fixed or removable activity in excess of unrestricted use criteria.

The licensee, by letter dated August 12, 1998, and supplemented by letters dated March 9, June 28, December 21, 1999, and June 20, 2000, submitted its current plans for the remediation of DU and DU-contaminated material from both the LCAAP 600-yard bullet catcher area and the southeast wing of Building 3A. The Army plans to have its contractor, Allied Technology Group, Inc. (ATG), remediate these areas under the provisions of the Army's license.

Proposed Action

The licensee proposes to remediate both the 600-yard bullet catcher area and the southeast wing of Building 3A. The licensee, by letter dated August 12, 1998, and supplemented by letters dated March 9, June 28, December 21, 1999, and June 20, 2000, submitted its current plans for the remediation of DU and DU-contaminated material from both the LCAAP 600-yard bullet catcher area and the southeast wing of Building 3A. The DU-contaminated material to be removed from the 600-yard bullet catcher area will most likely also contain some lead. The licensee will

perform the remediation by surveying, excavating, packaging, and transporting, by a combination of truck and rail, DU and DU-contaminated material from the LCAAP to a licensed low-level radioactive waste disposal facility for disposal.

The Need for Proposed Action

The proposed action is necessary to allow the licensee to gather and remove DU and DU-contaminated material from both the LCAAP 600-yard bullet catcher area and the southeast wing of Building 3A. This action will facilitate remediation of both radiologically contaminated areas sufficiently to meet NRC's unrestricted-use release criteria, and is one of the actions necessary for removal of the LCAAP from the Army's Materials License SUC-1380.

Alternative to Proposed Action

An alternative to the proposed action is a no-action alternative. The no-action alternative would mean that both the LCAAP 600-yard bullet catcher area and the southeast wing of Building 3A would not be remediated at this time. This conflicts with NRC's requirements in § 40.42 of timely remediation at sites that have ceased operations. Although that while there is no immediate threat to the public health and safety from this site, as long as the licensee maintains appropriate controls over the radioactive material, not undertaking remediation at this time, does not resolve the regulatory and potential long-term health and safety problems involved in storing this waste. No action now would delay remediation of these areas until some time in the future, when costs could be much higher than they are today. It is even possible that no disposal option will be available in the future if current low-level radioactive waste disposal facilities are closed and no new ones are opened. Therefore, the no-action alternative is not acceptable.

Environmental Impacts of Proposed Action

Radiological impacts on members of the public may result from inhalation and ingestion of releases of radioactivity in air and water during the remediation operations and direct exposure to radiation from material at the site during remediation operations and transport for disposal. Decommissioning workers may receive dose by ingestion, inhalation, and direct exposure during the remediation activities. In addition to impacts from routine operations, the potential radiological consequences of accidents were considered. NRC staff found that the radiological