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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Neuroscience; 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 for Neuroscience (1158).

*Date/Time:* October 12-13, 2000, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* Room 680, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Person:* Harold Vaessin, Program Director, Developmental Neuroscience, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 292-8423.

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

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Agenda:* *Open Session:* October 13, 2000; 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., to discuss goals and assessment procedures. *Closed Session:* October 12, 2000; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and October 13, 2000; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. To review and evaluate Developmental Neuroscience proposals 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.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Neuroscience; 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 Panel for Neuroscience (1158).

*Date and Time:* October 19-20, 2000; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* Room 680, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.

*Contact Person:* Soo-Siang Lim, Program Director, Neuronal & Glial Mechanisms, Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience, Suite 685, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 292-8423.

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

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Agenda:* *Open Session:* October 20, 2000; 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., to discuss goals and assessment procedures. *Closed Session:* October 19, 2000; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and October 20, 2000; 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. To review and evaluate Neuronal & Glial Mechanisms proposals 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.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Public Affairs Advisory Group; 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:* Public Affairs Advisory Group (5292).

*Date/Time:* September 26, 2000; 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

*Place:* Morrison-Clark Inn, 1015 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Telephone: (202) 462-5143.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Mr. Michael Sieverts, Acting Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, Room 1245, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-5143.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning NSF science and engineering outreach activities.

*Agenda:* Review and discuss Draft Public Affairs Advisory Group issues and finalize recommendations for final report.

*Meeting Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 40-3453-MLA-4 and 40-3453-MLA-5; ASLBP Nos. 99-763-05-MLA and 00-781-07-MLA]

### Moab Mill Reclamation Trust; Notice of Reconstitution

Pursuant to the authority contained in 10 CFR 2.721 and 2.1207, the Special Assistant in the captioned 10 CFR part 2, subpart L proceeding is hereby replaced by appointing Administrative Judge Richard F. Cole in place of Administrative Judge Frederick J. Shon.

All correspondence, documents, and other material shall be filed with the Presiding Officer in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1203. The address of the new Special Assistant is:

Dr. Richard F. Cole, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of August 2000.

**G. Paul Bollwerk III,**

*Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-3453-MLA-3; ASLBP No. 99-761-04-MLA]

### Moab Mill Reclamation Trust; Notice of Reconstitution

Pursuant to the authority contained in 10 CFR 2.721 and 2.1207, the Special Assistant in the captioned 10 CFR part 2, subpart L proceeding is hereby replaced by appointing Administrative Judge Richard F. Cole in place of Administrative Judge Frederick J. Shon.

All correspondence, documents, and other material shall be filed with the Presiding Officer in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1203. The address of the new Special Assistant is: Richard F. Cole, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of August 2000.

**G. Paul Bollwerk III,**

*Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[DOCKET NO. 50-352]

### **Peco Energy Company; Limerick Generating Station, Unit 1; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 50.60(a) for Facility Operating License No. NPF-39, issued to PECO Energy Company (PECO, or the licensee) for operation of the Limerick Generating Station, Unit 1 (Limerick Unit 1), located in Montgomery and Chester Counties in Pennsylvania.

#### **Environmental Assessment**

##### *Identification of the Proposed Action*

Appendix G to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 50 (10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G), requires that pressure-temperature (P-T) limits be established for reactor pressure vessels (RPVs) during normal operating and hydrostatic or leak rate testing conditions. Specifically, 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, states, "The appropriate requirements on both the pressure-temperature limits and the minimum permissible temperature must be met for all conditions." Appendix G of 10 CFR Part 50 specifies that the requirements for these limits are the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code), Section XI, Appendix G, limits.

To address provisions of amendments to the technical specifications' P-T limits, the licensee requested in its submittal dated May 15, 2000, as supplemented May 19, 2000, that the staff exempt Limerick Unit 1 from application of specific requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.60(a) and Appendix G, and substitute use of ASME Code Cases N-588 and N-640. Code Case N-588 permits the postulation of a circumferentially-oriented flaw (in lieu of an axially-oriented flaw) for the evaluation of the circumferential welds in RPV P-T limit curves. Code Case N-640 permits the use of an alternate reference fracture toughness ( $K_{IC}$  fracture toughness curve

instead of  $K_{IA}$  fracture toughness curve) for reactor vessel materials in determining the P-T limits. Since the pressure stresses on a circumferentially-oriented flaw are lower than the pressure stresses on an axially-oriented flaw by a factor of two, using Code Case N-588 for establishing the P-T limits would be less conservative than the methodology currently endorsed by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, and therefore, an exemption to apply the Code Case would be required by 10 CFR 50.60. Likewise, since the  $K_{IC}$  fracture toughness curve shown in ASME Code, Section XI, Appendix A, Figure A-2200-1 (the  $K_{IC}$  fracture toughness curve) provides greater allowable fracture toughness than the corresponding  $K_{IA}$  fracture toughness curve of ASME Code, Section XI, Appendix G, Figure G-2210-1 (the  $K_{IA}$  fracture toughness curve), using Code Case N-640 for establishing the P-T limits would be less conservative than the methodology currently endorsed by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G, and therefore, an exemption to 10 CFR 50.60 to apply the Code Case would also be required.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated May 15, 2000, as supplemented May 19, 2000.

##### *The Need for the Proposed Action*

ASME Code Case N-640 is needed to revise the method used to determine the reactor coolant system (RCS) P-T limits, since continued use of the present curves unnecessarily restricts the P-T operating window. Since the RCS P-T operating window is defined by the P-T operating and test limit curves developed in accordance with the ASME Code, Section XI, Appendix G, procedure, continued operation of Limerick Unit 1 with these P-T curves without the relief provided by ASME Code Case N-640 would unnecessarily require the RPV to maintain a temperature exceeding 212 °F in a limited operating window during the pressure test. Consequently, steam vapor hazards would continue to be one of the safety concerns for personnel conducting inspections in primary containment. Implementation of the proposed P-T curves, as allowed by ASME Code Case N-640, does not significantly reduce the margin of safety and would eliminate steam vapor hazards by allowing inspections in primary containment to be conducted at a lower coolant temperature.

ASME Code Case N-588 allows a licensee to postulate a circumferential flaw in circumferential RPV welds in lieu of the axial flaw that is normally

assumed to be present by the ASME Code, Section XI, Appendix G, analysis. The staff has determined that the assumption of an axial flaw in a circumferential RPV shell weld would provide an overly-conservative margin of safety on stress intensities resulting from the operating pressure, and that postulation of a circumferential flaw in the circumferential welds would continue to satisfy the margin of safety of two required by Appendix G to Section XI of the ASME Code.

In the requests for exemptions to use Code Cases N-588 and N-640, the staff has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), the underlying purpose of the regulation will continue to be served by the implementation of these Code Cases.

##### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the exemption described above would provide an adequate margin of safety against brittle failure of the Limerick Unit 1 RPV.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological environmental impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impacts. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

##### *Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

##### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental