

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Computer-Communications Research; 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 Computer-Communications Research (1192).
Date: March 19, 2001.

Time: 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Rm. 1150, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Mukesh Singhal, Program Director, Operating Systems & Compilers (OSC), CISE/CCR, Room 1145 National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 (703) 292-8912.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Operating Systems & Compilers proposals as a 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 (4) and (6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 20, 2001.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Earth Science Proposal Review Panel; Notice of Meeting**

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

Name: Earth Sciences Proposal Review Panel (1569).

Date/Time: March 21-23, 2001, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA Rm. 110.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Herman B. Zimmerman, Division Director, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA (703) 292-8550.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate earth sciences 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 proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 20, 2001.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SKILL STANDARDS BOARD**Notice of Open Meeting**

AGENCY: National Skill Standards Board.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Skill Standards Board was established by an Act of Congress, the National Skill Standards Act, Title V, Pub. L. 103-227. The 25-member National Skill Standards Board will serve as a catalyst and be responsible for the development and implementation of a voluntary national system of skill standards and certification through voluntary partnerships which have the full and balanced participation of business, labor, education, civil rights organizations and other key groups.

Time & Place: The meeting will be held from 8:30 am to approximately 12:00 pm on Thursday, March 22, 2001, at the Milton Hershey School, PO Box 830 Hershey, PA 17033, in Cocoa Rooms IV and V. (717) 520-2000.

Agenda: The agenda for the Board Meeting will include: an update from the Board's committees; presentations from representatives of the Education and Training Voluntary Partnership (E&TVP), Hospitality and Tourism Skill Standards Council (HTSSC), Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) and Sales & Service Voluntary Partnership (S&SVP).

Public Participation: The meeting, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm, is open to the public. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Seats will be reserved for the media. Individuals with disabilities should contact Leslie Donaldson at (202) 254-8628 if special accommodations are needed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Wilcox, Executive Deputy Director at (202) 254-8628.

Signed at Washington, DC, 21st day of February, 2001.

Edie West,

Executive Director, National Skill Standards Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040-08794]

Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for Molycorp, York, PA, Site and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a license amendment to Source Materials License SMB-1408 issued to Molycorp, Inc., (Molycorp), to plug and abandon ground water monitoring wells at the Molycorp, York, PA, site. Several of these wells are designated in the license and samples are required to be drawn from these designated wells biannually. Molycorp has asserted that this action is needed to begin cleanup activities in the areas surrounding the wells. Molycorp has committed to install new wells in the same locations and screened at the same intervals as the existing wells designated in the license. Prior to installing the new wells, Molycorp has committed to confer with both NRC and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to ensure that the new well locations are satisfactory. Molycorp expects to install the new wells in August 2001 and to complete biannual sampling for the year 2001 by sampling the new wells twice before year end. Molycorp's request is contained in a letter to NRC dated January 29, 2001.

If the NRC approves this request, the approval will be documented in a license amendment to NRC License SMB-1408. However, before approving the proposed amendment, the NRC will need to make the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a safety evaluation report and either an environmental assessment or a determination of a categorical exclusion.

NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for an amendment of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules of practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2. Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with § 2.1205(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

1. By delivery to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738, between 7:45 am and 4:15 pm, Federal workdays; or

2. By mail or facsimile addressed to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(f), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally, or by mail, to:

1. The applicant, Molycorp, Inc., 300 Caldwell Avenue, Washington, PA 15301, Attention: George Dawes, and,

2. The NRC staff, by delivery to the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room 0-15 D21, Rockville, MD 20852-2738, between 7:45 am and 4:15 pm, Federal workdays, or by mail, addressed to the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mailstop 0-15 D21, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

1. The interest of the requester in the proceeding;

2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requester should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(h);

3. The requester's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and,

4. The circumstance establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(d).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The application for the license amendment and supporting documentation are available for inspection at NRC's Public Document Room, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville MD, 20055, and at NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. Any questions with respect to this action should be referred to Tom McLaughlin, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-5869. Fax: (301) 415-5398.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of February 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Tom McLaughlin,

Project Manager, Facilities Decommissioning Section, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-318]

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear power Plant, Inc.; Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 2, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a temporary exemption from the provisions of 10 CFR 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and Appendix K to 10 CFR part 50 for Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-69 issued to Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Inc. (CCNPP) or the licensee) for operation of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 2 (CCNPP2) located in Calvert County, Maryland.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow the licensee to use a lead fuel assembly with a limited number of fuel rods with advanced cladding material, a zirconium-based alloy, that does not meet the definition of Zircaloy or ZIRLO, which are referred to in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*. The lead fuel assembly is scheduled to be loaded into the CCNPP2 reactor core during the upcoming refueling outage and would remain in the core for Cycle 14. The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated September 14, 2000, as supplemented on December 21, 2000.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed temporary exemption from 10 CFR 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and Appendix K to 10 CFR part 50 is needed because these regulations specifically refer to light-water reactors containing fuel consisting of uranium oxide pellets enclosed in zircaloy or ZIRLO tubes. A new zirconium-based alloy cladding has been developed, which is not the same chemical composition as zircaloy or ZIRLO. Therefore, the licensee needs an exemption to insert an assembly containing fuel rods with the new cladding material into the CCNPP2 reactor core and test it during power operation.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that, with regard to potential radiological impacts to the general public, the proposed temporary exemption involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The lead fuel assembly, with the zirconium-based alloy cladding, meets the same design basis as the Zircaloy-4 fuel that is currently in the CCNPP2 reactor core. No safety limits will be changed or setpoints altered as a result of using the lead fuel assembly. The Updated Final Safety Analysis Report analyses are bounding for the lead fuel assembly as well as the remainder of the core. The mechanical properties and behavior of the lead fuel assembly during postulated loss-of-coolant-accidents (LOCAs) and non-LOCA transients and operational transients will be essentially the same as those for the current fuel. In addition, the lead fuel assembly represents a small portion of the total core and will be placed in a non-limiting location.

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 off site, 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 impacts, the proposed action involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. The proposed action does not involve any historic sites. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental 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 exemption would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.