

- Safety issues:
 - Unresolved safety issue (USI) A-45,
 - Other USIs and generic safety issues (GSIs),
 - Potential GSIs.

- Plant inspection activities.
- Areas for research.
- Commission's Safety Goals.
- Use of NUREG-1560:

- Accident management,
- Maintenance rule,
- Risk-informed regulation,
- Miscellaneous issues.

- Probabilistic risk analysis (PRA).

Draft NUREG-1560 is comprised of two volumes. Volume 1 (Part 1) provides an overall summary of the key perspectives. Volume 2 (Parts 2 through 5) provides a more in-depth discussion of the perspectives summarized in Part 1. Volume 2 of Draft NUREG-1560 will be published and available in approximately 30 days.

The staff recognizes that licensees have updated their IPEs/PRAs which may have an impact on the perspectives discussed in the draft NUREG, and therefore, the preliminary conclusions and observations noted by the staff. Accuracy of the reported results in the IPEs and the appropriateness of the interpretation of these results will also have a potential impact on the staff's perspectives, conclusions and observations. Consequently, this NUREG is published as a draft for comment. All interested parties are encouraged to submit comments.

Mail comments on Draft NUREG-1560 (Volumes 1 and 2) by February 14, 1997 to Mary Drouin, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Mail Stop T-10 E50, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

A 3-day workshop will be held on April 7, 8 & 9, 1997 in Austin, Texas to address comments and answer questions. Information on the workshop location, agenda, registration, etc. will be published with notification of Volume 2, Parts 2 through 5, of Draft NUREG-1560. Indication of workshop attendance by January 15, 1997 is requested so that adequate space for the workshop can be arranged. Workshop attendance information should be directed to Martha Lucero, Sandia National Laboratories, phone (505) 845-9787, fax (505) 844-1392, e-mail mlucero@sandia.gov.

Persons other than NRC staff and NRC contractors interested in making a presentation at the workshop should notify Mary Drouin, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, MS T10E50, Washington DC 20555, phone (301) 415-6575, fax (301) 415-5062, e-mail

etc@nrc.gov or Edward Chow, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, MS T10E50, Washington DC 20555, phone (301) 415-6571, fax (301) 415-5062, e-mail etc@nrc.gov.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland this eleventh day of October, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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**Strategic Assessment and
Rebaselining Extension of Comment
Period**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is extending the comment period on the second phase of the Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative until December 2, 1996. The comment period was extended in response to requests from several stakeholders.

This effort was initiated in September 1995, and is being completed in four phases with the goal of finalizing a strategic plan in early CY 1997. The development and implementation of this strategic plan will meet the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993.

The effort is presently in the latter portion of the second phase where the Commission is considering a variety of options for addressing key strategic issues facing the NRC as it prepares to move into the 21st century. The NRC will be seeking the views and comments of its stakeholders—Federal entities (Administration/OMB, Congress, and other agencies), NRC employees and their representatives, Agreement States, non-Agreement States, compliers (e.g., licensees, employees of licensees, industry groups), public interest groups, and the general public—as part of the decision-making process. The Commission will consider stakeholder comments before making final decisions on the key strategic issues.

During the week of September 16, 1996, the issue papers and other documents dealing with the strategic assessment were made available to the

public. Copies of these documents and general information can be obtained electronically from the NRC's Home Page on the World Wide Web (Internet address <http://www.nrc.gov>) and FedWorld at 1-800-303-9672. Paper copies are available by calling NRC's Public Document Room at 1-800-397-4209.

To help understand their viewpoints, stakeholders are asked to focus on the following in responding to the NRC:

1. What, if any, important considerations may have been omitted from the issue papers?
2. How accurate are the NRC's assumptions and projections for internal and external factors discussed in the issue papers?
3. Do the Commission's preliminary views associated with each issue paper respond to the current environment and challenges?
4. Additionally, the Commission is seeking comments on specific questions identified in the "Preliminary Commission View" section of each issue paper.

In Phase I, a steering committee comprised of senior agency managers, working with an outside consultant, reviewed the NRC's activities in order to understand where the NRC is today, and what needs to be considered in providing options for responding to change. Some of the key objectives identified by the steering committee were: establish a strategic framework under which the NRC will continue to meet its primary responsibility of protecting public health and safety and the environment; provide a sound and well-rounded foundation for the NRC's direction and decision-making for the rest of this decade and into the next century; ensure that the Commission, its staff, Congress, other Government agencies, and the public have a common understanding of what the NRC's strategic goals are; and establish agency performance measures to determine the extent to which strategic or tactical objectives are being achieved.

ADDRESSES: Send comments via Internet to SECY@NRC.gov; the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrc.gov>; or via the FedWorld online service at 1-800-303-9672. Comments may also be sent via regular mail to Mr. John C. Hoyle, Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Chief, Docketing and Services Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John W. Craig, Coordinator, Strategic Assessment Task Group at 301-415-3812 (Internet e-mail address: Internet:Strategic@NRC.gov) or NRC's Public Affairs Office at 415-8200.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland this 8th day of November, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
William M. Hill, Jr.,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meeting; Board of Governors; Notice of Vote To Close Meeting

At its meeting on November 4, 1996, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted unanimously to close to public observation its meeting scheduled for December 2, 1996, in Washington, DC. The members will consider proposed filings with the Postal Rate Commission for limited changes in mail classification, postal rates, and fees.

The meeting is expected to be attended by the following persons: Governors Alvarado, Daniels, del Junco, Dyhrkopp, Fineman, Mackie, McWherter, Rider and Winters; Postmaster General Runyon, Deputy Postmaster General Coughlin, Secretary to the Board Koerber, and General Counsel Elcano.

The Board determined that pursuant to section 552b(c)(3) of title 5, United States Code, and section 7.3(c) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, this portion of the meeting is exempt from the open meeting requirement of the Government in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. 552b(b)] because it is likely to disclose information in connection with proceedings under Chapter 36 of title 39, United States Code (having to do with postal ratemaking, mail classification and changes in postal services), which is specifically exempted from disclosure by section 410(c)(4) of title 39, United States Code.

The Board has determined further that pursuant to section 552b(c)(10) of title 5, United States Code, and section 7.3(j) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, the discussion is exempt because it is likely to specifically concern participation of the Postal Service in a civil action or proceeding involving a determination on the record after opportunity for a hearing.

The Board further determined that the public interest does not require that the Board's discussion of these matters be open to the public.

In accordance with section 552b(f)(1) of title 5, United States Code, and section 7.6(a) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations, the General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has

certified that in her opinion the meeting may properly be closed to public observation pursuant to section 552b(c)(3) and (10) of title 5, United States Code; section 410(c)(4) of title 39, United States Code; and section 7.3(c) and (j) of title 39, Code of Federal Regulations.

Requests for information about the meeting should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, Thomas J. Koerber, at (202) 268-4800.

Thomas J. Koerber,
Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on November 20, 1996, 9:00 a.m., at the Board's meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

Portion Open to the Public

(1) Letter to Ms. Margaret C. Christophy, MetraHealth Insurance Company re Contract No. 92RRB006.

(2) Letter to Cong. James A. Leach replying to his letter of September 17, 1996, Enclosing a Letter from the National Assn. Of Retired and Veteran Railway Employees in Iowa.

(3) Inquiry to Chief Actuary from OIG re Investment Transactions.

(4) Fiscal Year 1997 Budget Allocation.

(5) First Floor Outleasing.

(6) Transfer of Activities Between the Office of Programs and the Office of Administration.

(7) Organizational Placement of the Bureau of Quality Assurance.

(8) Recommendations for the Establishment of Field Office Co-Location Pilots:

A. Ft. Lauderdale Outstationing.

B. Proposals for Co-Location of Ft. Wayne, IN and Westbury, NY Branch Offices.

(9) Recommendations Concerning the Function and Structure of the Field Service.

(10) Proposed Occupational Disability Standards (PRODS) Task Force Meeting.

(11) Regulations:

(A) Parts 211, 255 and 230

(B) Part 261

(12) Labor Member Truth in Budgeting Status Report.

Portion Closed to the Public

(A) Positions in Hearings and Appeals.

(B) 1997 Performance Appraisal Plans for Dirs. of Administration and Programs, the General Counsel and Bur./Ofc. Heads Reporting to them Respectively.

© Pending Board Appeals

1. Renee Hernandez.

2. Dillard W. Lewis.
3. Daniel E. Mengelos.

The person to contact for more information is Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. 312-751-4920.

Dated: November 8, 1996.

Beatrice Ezerski,

Secretary to the Board.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Order Granting Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board Relating to Political Contributions and Prohibitions on Municipal Securities Business

November 6, 1996.

I. Introduction

On August 6, 1996,¹ the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("Board" or "MSRB") submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission" or "SEC"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")² and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,³ a proposed rule change to amend rule G-37, on political contributions and prohibitions on municipal securities business, and rule G-8, on books and records. Notice of the proposed rule change appeared in the Federal Register on September 19, 1996.⁴

The Commission received three comment letters addressing the proposed rule change.⁵ One commenter endorsed the proposed amendments to

¹ On September 9, 1996, the MSRB filed Amendment No. 1 with the Commission. Amendment No. 1 amends proposed language to rule G-37(g)(vii). See letter from Ronald W. Smith, Legal Associate, MSRB, to Katherine England, Assistant Director, Division of Market Regulation, SEC, dated September 9, 1996.

² 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1) (1988).

³ 17 CFR 240.19b-4.

⁴ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 37675 (September 12, 1996), 61 FR 49368.

⁵ Letter from Douglas L. Kelly, Vice President and Corporate Secretary, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, SEC, dated October 11, 1996 ("A.G. Edwards Letter"); Letter from E. Stephen Walsh, Administrative and Compliance Partner, David J. Greene and Company, to Jonathan Katz, Secretary, SEC, dated October 9, 1996 ("Greene Letter"); Letter from Irwin D. Rowe, Executive Vice President, Loeb Partners Corporation, to Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary, SEC, dated October 4, 1996 ("Loeb Letter").