

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Directorate 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.

Dated: October 3, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences; 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (1766).

Date and Time: October 28, 1997; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 375, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: M. Marge Machen, Project Officer, Division of Science Resources Studies, Research and Development Statistics Program, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 965, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1772, ext. 6934, Fax: (703) 306-0508, Internet: mmachen@nsf.gov

Minutes may be obtained from the contact person at the above address.

Purpose of Meeting: To review and comment on issues affecting the annual Survey of Science and Engineering Research and Development Expenditures at Universities and Colleges.

Agenda: Discussion on multidisciplinary research; Federal funds for R&D expenditures by agency and by field; and non-science and engineering R&D expenditures.

Dated: October 3, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NUREG-1600]

Policy and Procedure for Enforcement Actions; Enforcement Conference Procedures

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Policy statement: amendment.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is revising its "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" to clarify procedures associated with enforcement conferences based on reports of the NRC Office of Investigations associated with discrimination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This action is effective on October 8, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Lieberman, Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, (301) 415-2741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Commission's "General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions" (Enforcement Policy or Policy) was first issued on September 4, 1980. Since that time, the Enforcement Policy has been revised on a number of occasions. On June 30, 1995 (60 FR 34381), the Enforcement Policy was revised in its entirety and was also published as NUREG-1600. The Policy primarily addresses violations by licensees and certain non-licensed persons.

On March 24, 1997 (62 FR 13906), the NRC published changes to the Enforcement Policy concerning predecisional enforcement conferences based on findings of discrimination. The changes permitted limited participation in those conferences by the complainant. The Statement of Consideration for those changes provided that "normally" Office of Investigations (OI) reports involving discrimination will be made public. However, the actual Policy change in the eighth paragraph of Section V. Predecisional Enforcement Conferences, stated that they "will be made" public. In this revision, the word "may" has now been substituted to more accurately reflect those cases in which it is not appropriate to make the OI report public. Also, additional language in this paragraph is being added to clarify that the purpose of the complainant's participation in a conference is to provide information to the NRC to assist it in its enforcement deliberations.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This policy statement does not contain a new or amended information collection requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). Existing requirements were approved by the Office of Management and Budget, approval number 3150-0136. The approved information collection requirements contained in this policy statement appear in Section VII.C.

Public Protection Notification

The NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

In accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, the NRC has determined that this action is not a major rule and has verified this determination with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB.

Accordingly, the eighth paragraph of Section V of the NRC Enforcement Policy is amended to read as follows:

General Statement of Policy and Procedure for NRC Enforcement Actions

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V. Predecisional Enforcement Conferences

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For a case in which an NRC Office of Investigations (OI) report finds that discrimination as defined under 10 CFR 50.7 (or similar provisions in Parts 30, 40, 60, 70, or 72) has occurred, the OI report may be made public, subject to withholding certain information (i.e., after appropriate redaction), in which case the associated predecisional enforcement conference will normally be open to public observation. In a conference where a particular individual is being considered potentially responsible for the discrimination, the conference will remain closed. In either case (i.e., whether the conference is open or closed), the employee or former employee who was the subject of the alleged discrimination (hereafter referred to as "complainant") will normally be provided an opportunity to participate in the predecisional enforcement conference with the licensee/employer. This participation will normally be in the form of a complainant statement and comment on

the licensee's presentation, followed in turn by an opportunity for the licensee to respond to the complainant's presentation. In cases where the complainant is unable to attend in person, arrangements will be made for the complainant's participation by telephone or an opportunity given for the complainant to submit a written response to the licensee's presentation. If the licensee chooses to forego an enforcement conference and, instead, responds to the NRC's findings in writing, the complainant will be provided the opportunity to submit written comments on the licensee's response. For cases involving potential discrimination by a contractor or vendor to the licensee, any associated predecisional enforcement conference with the contractor or vendor would be handled similarly. These arrangements for complainant participation in the predecisional enforcement conference are not to be conducted or viewed in any respect as an adjudicatory hearing. The purpose of the complainant's participation is to provide information to the NRC to assist it in its enforcement deliberations.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of October 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John C. Hoyle,

Secretary of the Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 95th meeting on October 21, 1997, at the William F. Bolger Center For Leadership Development, 9600 Newbridge Drive, Potomac, Maryland, and October 22-23, 1997, in Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance. The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

Tuesday, October 21, 1997-8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 22, 1997-8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 23, 1997-8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

A. *ACNW Retreat*—The Committee members will discuss their mission, planned accomplishments, priorities, and work processes for FY 1998-99. The retreat will be held on October 21, 1997,

at the William F. Bolger Center For Leadership Development.

B. *Meeting with NRC's Director, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards*—The Committee will meet with the Director to discuss technical assistance, developments at the Yucca Mountain project, resources, and other items of mutual interest.

C. *Review of NRC Research and Technical Assistance*—The Committee will review activities of NRC's Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards and Nuclear Regulatory Research in the area of nuclear waste disposal. The ACNW will provide input to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards' February 1998 report to Congress on NRC research.

D. *Prepare for Next Meeting with the Commission*—The Committee will prepare for its next formal meeting with the Commission. The Committee is scheduled to discuss items of mutual interest with the Commission on December 17, 1997.

E. *Preparation of ACNW Reports*—The Committee will discuss planned reports, including a recommended approach to implement the defense-in-depth concept in the revised 10 CFR Part 60, the Application of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Methods to Performance Assessment in the NRC High-Level Waste Program, ACNW priority issues for 1998, and other topics discussed during the meeting as the need arises.

F. *Committee Activities/Future Agenda*—The Committee will consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and Working Groups. The Committee will discuss ACNW-related activities of individual members.

G. *Miscellaneous*—The Committee will discuss miscellaneous matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and organizational activities and complete discussion of matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 1997 (62 FR 46382). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch, Mr.

Richard K. Major, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch, prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Major as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting Mr. Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch (telephone 301/415-7366), between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. EDT.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672; the local direct dial number is 703-321-3339.

Dated: October 2, 1997.

John C. Hoyle,

Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Biweekly Notice

Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the