

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 28th day of January 1998.

**Andrew J. Samet,**

*Acting Deputy Under Secretary, International Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. National Administrative Office; North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation; Notice on Submission No. 9702 and Submission No. 9703**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of hearing site and Notice of acceptance.

**SUMMARY:** *Submission 9702:* On January 14, 1998, the Department provided notice in the **Federal Register** of a hearing, open to the public, on Submission No. 9702. The notice stated that the hearing would be held in San Diego, California, on February 18, 1998, commencing at 9:00 a.m., at a location to be announced. This notice provides the address for the hearing on Submission No. 9702.

*Submission 9703:* The U.S. National Administrative Office (NAO) gives notice that on January 30, 1998, Submission 9703 was accepted for review. The submission was filed with the NAO on December 15, 1997. The submission raises issues of freedom of association violations at an export processing plant in Ciudad de los Reyes, in the State of Mexico. The submission also raises issues of occupational safety and health.

Article 16(3) of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC) provides for the review of labor law matters in Canada and Mexico by the NAO. The objectives of the review of the submission will be to gather information to assist the NAO to better understand and publicly report on the Government of Mexico's compliance with the obligations set forth in Articles 3 and 5 of the NAALC.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 30, 1998.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Submission No. 9702**

The hearing will be held at Room S250, San Diego Concourse, 202 C St., MS57, San Diego, California, 92101. Tel: 619-615-4100.

Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on January 14, 1998 (63 FR 2266-2267) for supplementary information.

#### **Submission No. 9703**

The submission was filed with the NAO on December 15, 1997 by the Echlin Workers Alliance, a group from the United States and Canada, which includes the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; the Canadian Auto Workers; the Union of Needletrades and Industrial Textile Employees; the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America; the United Paperworkers International Union; and the United Steelworkers of America. Twenty-four other organizations, including non-governmental organizations, human rights groups and labor unions from the three NAFTA countries are cited as concerned organizations in the submission. The submitters allege that when workers at the ITAPSA export processing plant in Ciudad de los Reyes, in the State of Mexico, attempted to organize an independent union, they faced intimidation and harassment from the company and the existing union. The submitters also allege that a union representation election conducted by the appropriate labor tribunal was held in an atmosphere of intimidation and violence and in such a way as to guarantee representation to the union favored by management and the government.

The submitters assert that Mexico has failed to enforce its laws relating to freedom of association and the right to bargain collectively through appropriate government action as well as its labor laws relating to the prevention of occupational injuries and illnesses in violation of the NAALC article 3(1). The submitters also assert that the composition of the labor tribunal in this case is such as to be in non-compliance with Article 5(4) of the NAALC which commits the Parties to ensuring that tribunals that conduct review proceedings are impartial and independent and do not have any substantial interest in the outcome of the matter.

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The procedural guidelines for the NAO, published in the **Federal Register** on April 7, 1994, 59 Fed. Reg. 16660, specify that, in general, the Secretary of the NAO shall accept a submission for review if it raises issues relevant to labor law matters in Canada or Mexico and if a review would further the objectives of the NAALC.

Submission No. 9703 relates to labor law matters in Mexico. A review would

appear to further the objectives of the NAALC, as set out in Article 1 of the NAALC, among them promoting certain labor principles, including freedom of association and prevention of occupational injuries and illnesses; promoting compliance with and effective enforcement by each Party of, its labor law; and fostering transparency in the administration of labor law. Accordingly, this submission has been accepted for review of the allegations raised therein. The NAO's decision is not intended to indicate any determination as to the validity or accuracy of the allegations contained in the submission. The objectives of the review will be to gather information to assist the NAO to better understand and publicly report on the right to organize and freedom of association raised in the submission, including the Government of Mexico's compliance with the obligations agreed to under Articles 3 and 5 of the NAALC. The review will be completed, and a public report issued, within 120 days, or 180 days if circumstances require an extension of time, as set out in the procedural guidelines of the NAO.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Irasema T. Garza, Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room C-4327, Washington, D.C. 20210. Telephone: (202) 501-6653 (this is not a toll-free number).

Signed at Washington, D.C. on January 30, 1998.

**Lewis Karesh,**

*Deputy Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office.*

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## **NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** National Credit Union Administration (NCUA).

**ACTION:** Request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NCUA intends to submit the following revisions to currently approved collections to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). These information collections are published to obtain comments from the public.

**DATES:** Comments will be accepted until April 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Mr. James L. Baylen at the National Credit Union Administration, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3428; Fax No. 703-518-6433.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the information collection requests, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the NCUA Clearance Officer, James L. Baylen, (703) 518-6411.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Proposal to revise the following currently approved collection of information:

*OMB Number:* 3133-0134.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Revision to a currently approved collection.

*Title:* 12 C.F.R. Part 707 Truth in Savings.

*Description:* The Truth in Savings Act (TISA) requires NCUA to regulate all credit unions in the provision of certain disclosures and information to their members and consumer depositors. The purpose of TISA is to enable consumers to make informed decisions about accounts at credit unions.

*Respondents:* All credit unions.

*Estimated No. of Respondents/Recordkeepers:* 11,572.

*Estimated Burden Hours Per Response:* .01711.

*Frequency of Response:* Other. Information disclosures required are made on an on-going basis.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 12,745,211.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* 60,728,427.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on January 28, 1998.

**Becky Baker,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

6971 Safety Study: Improving the Safety of U.S. Commercial Fishing Vessels.

6930 Opinion and Order: Administrator v. Chandler, Docket SE-14230; disposition of respondent's appeal.

**NEWS MEDIA CONTACT:** Telephone: (202) 314-6100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ray Smith, (202) 314-6065.

Dated: February 2, 1998.

**Ray Smith,**

*Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-285]

##### Omaha Public Power District (Fort Calhoun Station, Unit No. 1); Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations for Facility Operating License No. DPR-40 issued to Omaha Public Power District, for operation of the Fort Calhoun Station, Unit No. 1 located in Washington County, Nebraska.

##### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt Omaha Public Power District from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24, which requires in each area in which special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored, a monitoring system that will energize clear audible alarms if accidental criticality occurs. The proposed action would also exempt the licensee from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24(a)(3) to maintain emergency procedures for each area in which this licensed special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored to ensure that all personnel withdraw to an area of safety upon the sounding of the alarm, to familiarize personnel with the evacuation plan, and to designate responsible individuals for determining the cause of the alarm, and to place radiation survey instruments in accessible locations for use in such an emergency.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated August 29, 1997, as

supplemented by letter dated October 23, 1997.

##### The Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of 10 CFR 70.24 is to ensure that if a criticality were to occur during the handling of special nuclear material, personnel would be alerted to that fact and would take appropriate action. At a commercial nuclear power plant the inadvertent criticality with which 10 CFR 70.24 is concerned could occur during fuel handling operations. The special nuclear material that could be assembled into a critical mass at a commercial nuclear power plant is in the form of nuclear fuel; the quantity of other forms of special nuclear material that is stored onsite in any given location is small enough to preclude achieving a critical mass. Because the fuel is not enriched beyond 5.0 weight percent Uranium-235 and because commercial nuclear plant licensees have procedures and design features that prevent inadvertent criticality, the staff has determined that it is unlikely that an inadvertent criticality could occur due to the handling of special nuclear material at a commercial power reactor. The requirements of 10 CFR 70.24, therefore, are not necessary to ensure the safety of personnel during the handling of special nuclear materials at commercial power reactors.

##### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there is no significant environmental impact if the exemption is granted. Inadvertent or accidental criticality will be precluded through compliance with the Fort Calhoun Station, Unit No. 1 Technical Specifications, the design of the fuel storage racks providing geometric spacing of fuel assemblies in their storage locations, and administrative controls imposed on fuel handling procedures. Technical Specifications requirements specify reactivity limits for the fuel storage racks and minimum spacing between the fuel assemblies in the storage racks.

Appendix A of 10 CFR Part 50, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," Criterion 62, requires the criticality in the fuel storage and handling system shall be prevented by physical systems or processes, preferably by use of geometrically-safe configurations. This is met at Fort Calhoun Station Unit No. 1, as identified in the Technical Specifications and the Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR). The basis for the exemption is that inadvertent or

#### NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

##### Sunshine Act Meeting Agenda

**TIME AND DATE:** 9:30 A.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1998.

**PLACE:** NTSB Board Room, 5th Floor, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20594.

**STATUS:** The first item is open to the public. The second item is closed under Exemption 10 of the Government in the Sunshine Act.