

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Information and Intelligent Systems; 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 Information and Intelligent Systems (1200).

Date and Time: January 21, 1999, 8:00-5:00 PM, January 22, 1999, 8:00-1:00 PM.

Place: Hyatt Arlington at Washington, Key Bridge, 1325 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209-9990.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Gary Strong, Deputy Division Director, Division of Information and Intelligent Systems, Room 1115, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306-1928.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Robotics and Human Augmentation 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.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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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 Information and Intelligent Systems (1200).

Date and Time: January 28, 1999, 8:30-5:00 PM, January 29, 1999, 8:30-2:00 PM.

Place: Room 370, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Gary Strong, Deputy Division Director, Division of Information and Intelligent Systems, Room 1115, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306-1928.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Materials 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 Materials Research (1203).

Dates & times: January 11, 1999; 4:00 pm-8:00 pm, January 12, 1999; 7:30 am-4:30 pm.

Place: University of Houston, Houston, TX.

Type of meetings: Closed.

Contact person: Dr. Carmen Huber, Program Director, Division of Materials Research, Room 1065.27, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1996.

Purpose of meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning progress of Materials Research Science and Engineering Center.

Agenda: To review and evaluate progress of Materials Research Science and Engineering Center.

Reason for closing: The work being reviewed includes information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the effort. 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**Special Emphasis Panel; 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 Physics (1208).

Date and Time: January 14-15, 1999 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Place: Indiana University Cyclotron Facility; Indiana University; Bloomington, IN 47405

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Bradley D. Keister, Program Director for Nuclear Physics, Room 1015, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1891.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning the operation of the Indiana University Cyclotron Facility.

Agenda: To hear presentations and write recommendations concerning IUCF operations and its budget levels in FY2000 and FY2001.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; information on personnel and proprietary data for present and future subcontracts. 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**Special Emphasis in Research, Evaluation and Communication; 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 in Research, Evaluation and Communication (#1210).

Date and Time: January 21, 1999 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.), January 25, 1999 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.).

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 310 and 360 Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Elizabeth VanderPutten, Program Director, Research, Evaluation and Communication (REC), Room 855, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: 703/306-1650.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate formal proposals submitted to the Research on Education Policy and Practice (REPP) Program as a part of the selection process for awards.

Reasons 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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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Indiana Michigan Power Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity For a Hearing

[Docket Nos. 50-315 and 50-316]

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-58 and Facility Operating License No. DPR-74 issued to Indiana Michigan Power Company (the licensee) for operation of the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 located in Berrien County, Michigan. The proposed license amendment would revise Technical Specification Section 4.6.5.1, "Ice Condenser, Ice Bed," and its associated bases to reflect the maximum ice condenser flow channel blockage assumed in the accident analyses.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below.

Criterion 1

Does the change involve a significant increase in the probability or

consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

The ice condenser system is used to mitigate the consequences of an accident and has no impact on the initiation of any evaluated accidents. Therefore, changing the flow channel surveillance does not increase the probability of an evaluated accident.

The proposed changes to the flow channel surveillance provide additional assurance beyond current requirements to provide reasonable assurance that the maximum analyzed blockage of 15% is not exceeded. Therefore, the change does not represent an increase in the consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

Criterion 2

Does the change create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

The proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated. The ice condenser has no function during normal operation. It is a passive system that functions after an accident has already occurred. The proposed change to the ice condenser flow channel surveillance does not alter physical characteristics of the ice condenser, nor does it change the function of the ice condenser. No new failure mechanisms are introduced by this change.

Therefore, it was concluded that the proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated.

Criterion 3

Does the change involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

The proposed change to the ice condenser flow channel surveillance provides additional assurance that the ice condenser should contain the minimum analyzed flow area. By ensuring the minimum analyzed area is always available, inherent margins due to conservative assumptions in the calculation are maintained. These conservative assumptions include, for example, taking no credit for ice or frost blockage being blown clear during the accident and assuming only one dimensional flow through the ice bed with no credit taken for cross flow.

Therefore, these changes do not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Conclusion

In summary, based upon the above evaluation, the Licensee has concluded that these changes involve no significant hazards consideration.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92 are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below. By January 27, 1999, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in