

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 522b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 29, 1999.

**Linda Allen-Benton,**

*Acting Director, Division of Human Resource Management.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Experimental & Integrative Activities; 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 Experimental & Integrative Activities (1193).

*Date and Time:* May 12, 1999, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 1175, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Dragana Brzakovic, POWRE Program, Experimental and Integrative Activities, Room 1160, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1981.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate CISE proposals submitted in response to the program announcement (NSF 98-160).

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 522b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-336]

### Northeast Nuclear Energy Co., the Connecticut Light and Power Co., the Western Massachusetts Electric Co.; Notice of Partial Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licensee) to withdraw a portion of its July 17, 1998, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-65 for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2, located in Waterford, CT.

The withdrawn portion of the proposed amendment would have revised the Millstone Unit 2 Technical Specifications Surveillance Requirement 4.8.1.1.2.C by deleting the words "during shutdown" from the first sentence, which reads "At least once per 18 months during shutdown."

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on August 12, 1998 (63 FR 43207). However, by letter dated November 10, 1998, the licensee withdrew this portion of the proposed change as discussed above.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated July 17, 1998, as supplemented by letter dated February 11, 1999, and the licensee's letter dated November 10, 1998, which withdrew a portion of the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, CT 06360, and the Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, CT 06385.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of April 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Ronald B. Eaton,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-344]

### Portland General Electric Co.; Trojan Nuclear Plant Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-1 issued to the Portland General Electric Company (PGE or licensee) for the Trojan Nuclear Plant (TNP or the plant). The plant is located in Columbia County, Oregon.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed amendment would revise the Permanently Defueled Technical Specifications by (1) revising Subsection 4.1.1, "Site and Exclusion Area Boundaries," and (2) replacing existing Figure 4.1-1 with a new Figure 4.1-1 and adding a new page to Figure 4.1-1 to reflect the access controlled (ISFSI) area.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment (LCA 242) dated February 12, 1997.

##### The Need for the Proposed Action

The issuance of an amendment will allow the licensee to delete the ISFSI area from the Permanently Defueled Technical Specifications. This will cause the ISFSI to be regulated under 10 CFR Part 72, which is more appropriate to its use as a dry fuel storage area.

##### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the issuance of the amendment will not have any significant effect on accident risk and the possibility of environmental impact. The Commission has previously issued an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation at Trojan Nuclear Plant (61 FR 64378). On March 31, 1999, the Commission issued a 10 CFR Part 72 license to PGE to permit spent fuel from the plant to be placed in dry storage at an ISFSI at the facility.

The licensee does not propose any disposal of fuel by this action nor any other activities that have not already been approved by the NRC. Therefore, the proposed action does not increase the probability or consequences of any

accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, 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 non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Alternative 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 application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are identical.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Trojan Nuclear Plant.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on April 20, 1999, the staff consulted with the Oregon State Official, Mr. Adam Bless, of the Oregon Department of Energy, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated February 12, 1997, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Branford Price Millar Library, Portland State University, 934 S.W. Harrison Street, P.O. Box 1151, Portland, Oregon 97207.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of April 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
**Michael T. Masnik,**  
*Chief, Decommissioning Section, Project Directorate IV & Decommissioning, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*  
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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Sunshine Meeting Notice**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATES:** Weeks of May 3, 10, 17, and 24, 1999.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### **Week of May 3**

*Tuesday, May 4*

9:00 a.m.

\* Meeting on NRC Response to Stakeholder's Concerns (Public Meeting)

\* **Please Note:** The room location for the Meeting on NRC Response to Stakeholders' Concerns, scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, is in the NRC auditorium, Bldg 2, NRC Headquarters, Rockville, Md.

2:00 p.m.

Meeting on Planning, Budgeting and Performance Management Process (PBPM) and Institutionalizing Change (Public Meeting) (Contact: Jim Blaha, 301-415-1703)

*Wednesday, May 5*

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on Safeguards Performance Assessment (Public Meeting)

1:30 p.m.

Discussion of Intragovernmental Issues (Closed—ex. 9b)

2:30 p.m.

Briefing on Status of Maintenance Rule (Public Meeting)

*Thursday, May 6*

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Operating Reactors and Fuel Facilities (Public Meeting) (Contact Glenn Tracy, 301-415-1725)

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

#### **Week of May 10—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for week of May 10.

#### **Week of May 17—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of May 17.

#### **Week of May 24—Tentative**

*Thursday, May 27*

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** By a vote of 5-0 on April 26, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corp. (Cambridge, Ohio Facility), Docket No. 40-8948-MLA, Memorandum and Order (Denying Petition to Intervene), LBP-99-12 (Feb. 23, 1999); International Uranium (USA) Corporation Petition for Review of LBP-99-5; Aharon Ben-Haim, Ph.D., Docket No. IA-97-068, LBP-99-4, Initial Decision (Affirming Enforcement Order with Modifications) (Feb. 8, 1999); Proposed License to Export High Enriched Uranium (HEU) for Production of Medical Isotopes at the Canadian Maple Reactors; North Atlantic Energy Service Corp. (Seabrook Station, Unit 1), Docket No. 59-443, Draft Commission Memorandum and Order Terminating the Proceeding; and, Boston Edison Company and Entergy Nuclear Generation Company (Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station), Docket No. 50-293, Draft Commission Memorandum and Order Terminating the Proceeding" (Public Meeting) be held on April 26, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smi/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operation Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to [wmmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).