

Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Portfolio Allocation Review Committee, a Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

Date and Time: November 29, 1999, 7 p.m.–10 p.m.; November 30 & December 1, 1999, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.; December 2, 1999, 9 a.m.–12 noon.

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

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Hugh M. Van Horn, Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/306-1820.

Purpose of Meeting: Given the science opportunities available to the U.S. Astronomical community, the subcommittee is asked to Provide guidance as to the most effective way to utilize Available NSF resources to ensure a world-leading program of research and education in astronomy and astrophysics.

Agenda: To receive briefings on (1) Current support for research and education in astronomy and astrophysics provided by the Division of Astronomical Sciences and by other organizations; (2) The Division's Strategic Plan; and, (3) Various options for reallocating support. In this context, to provide guidance as to the most effective utilization of available NSF resources.

Dated: November 19, 1999.

Karen York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Mathematical Sciences; 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 and Committee Code: Special Emphasis in Mathematical Sciences (1204).

Date and Time: December 13-15, 1999; 8:30 A.M. until 5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 310, 380, 390, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Drs. Keith N. Crank, James Rosenberger, and William B. Smith Program Directors, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1870.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals for the Statistics & Probability Program, 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: November 19, 1999.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Membership of National Science Foundation's Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Announcement of Membership of the National Science Foundation's Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: This announcement of the membership of the National Science Foundation's Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board is made in compliance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Director, Division of Human Resource Management, National Science Foundation, Room 315, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John F. Wilkinson, Jr., at the above address or (703) 306-1180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The membership of the National Science Foundation's Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board is as follows:

Joseph Bordogna, Deputy Director, Chairperson

Mary E. Clutter, Assistant Director for Biological Sciences

Karl A. Erb, Director, Office of Polar Programs

Linda P. Massaro, Director, Office of Information and Resource Management

Nathaniel Pitts, Director, Office of Integrative Activities

Dated: November 15, 1999.

John F. Wilkinson, Jr.,

Director, Division of Human Resource Management.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Membership of National Science Foundation's Office of Inspector General Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Announcement of membership of the National Science Foundation's Performance Review Board for Office of Inspector General Senior Executive Service positions.

SUMMARY: This announcement of the membership of the National Science Foundation's Office of Inspector General Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board is made in compliance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Director, Division of Human Resource Management, National Science Foundation, Room 315, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John F. Wilkinson, Jr. at the above address or (703) 306-1180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The membership of the National Science Foundation's Office of Inspector General Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board is as follows:

Stanley V. Jaskolski, Chairman, Audit and Oversight Committee, National Science Board, Chairperson
Linda P. Massaro, Director, Office of Information and Resource Management, Executive Secretary
Bruce L. Umminger, Senior Scientist, Office of Integrative Activities

Dated: November 15, 1999.

John F. Wilkinson, Jr.,

Director, Division of Human Resource Management.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-412]

Duquesne Light Co., Ohio Edison Co., The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., The Toledo Edison 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 Duquesne Light Company (the licensee) to withdraw a portion of its January 29, 1998, application for a proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-73 for the Beaver Valley Power Station,

Unit No. 2 (BVPS-2), located in Shippingport, PA.

The withdrawn portion of the proposed amendment would have revised the BVPS-2 Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) description of the small-break loss-of-coolant accident (SBLOCA) radiological dose consequences. The licensee completed an analysis which demonstrated that the SBLOCA results are bounded by the results of the large-break loss-of-coolant accident analysis. Therefore, the requested UFSAR changes pertaining to the SBLOCA are not needed, and these requested changes are being withdrawn.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on March 11, 1998 (63 FR 11919). However, by letter dated June 14, 1999, 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 January 29, 1998, as supplemented November 9, 1998, and the licensee's letter dated June 14, 1999, 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 and will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 18th day of November 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Daniel S. Collins,

Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate I, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Revised Criteria for Post Accident Sampling Systems

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering modifying its criteria for post accident sampling systems (PASS). The NRC has received two industry-developed topical reports which provide justification for removal of PASS from the licensing basis for nuclear power plants designed by Westinghouse and Combustion Engineering. The NRC generally agrees with the conclusions in these reports and is considering approving these reports. If the NRC approves these reports, nuclear power plant licensees will be able to reference the reports to support changes to their PASS, including the elimination of the system. The NRC is requesting public comment on this pending action. In particular, the NRC is seeking comment on whether the elimination of information obtained from radionuclide sampling from PASS may affect offsite emergency response organizations ability to respond to an accident.

DATES: The comment period expires January 10, 2000. Comments received from after this date will be considered if it practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to: David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

Deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

The publications cited in this document, including the industry-

developed topical reports, are available for inspection and copying, for a fee, through the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, Lower Level, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James O'Brien, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC. 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-2919; e-mail jbo@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Description of Proposed Action
- III. Evaluation of Proposed Action
- IV. Request for Comment

I. Background

Following the accident at Three Mile Island Unit 2 (TMI-2) on March 28, 1979, the NRC formed a lessons-learned Task Force to identify and evaluate safety concerns originating with the TMI-2 accident. NUREG-0578, "TMI-2 Lessons Learned Task Force Status report and Short-term Recommendations," documents the results of the task force effort. One of the recommendations of the task force was for licensees to upgrade the capability to obtain samples from the reactor coolant system and containment atmosphere under high radioactivity conditions and to provide the capability for chemical and spectral analyses of high-level samples on site. NUREG-0737, "Clarification of TMI Action Plan Requirements," which was issued to licensees in Generic Letter 80-90 on October 31, 1980, contains the details of the TMI recommendations that were to be implemented by the licensees. Additional criteria for post accident sampling systems were issued by Regulatory Guide 1.97, "Instrumentation for Light-water-cooled Nuclear Power Plants to Assess Plant and Environs Conditions During and Following an Accident."

Specific criteria for PASS capability delineated in NUREG-0737 and Regulatory Guide 1.97 are:

Sample location	Measurement
1. Reactor Coolant	Dissolved gases, Boron, Chlorides, pH, Radionuclides
2. Containment Atmosphere	Hydrogen, Oxygen, Radionuclides
3. Containment Sump	Boron, Chlorides, pH, Radionuclides

All samples and measurements were to be taken and analyzed within 3 hours of the decision to do so except for chlorides which were to be taken and analyzed within 24 hours.

In the mid 1980's, the NRC sponsored an assessment of selected regulatory requirements that may have marginal

importance to risk. One of the issues reviewed was the PASS criteria. This assessment, documented in NUREG/CR-4330, concluded that the PASS had marginal benefits, but that the cost of maintaining the PASS was minimal.

On October 26, 1998, the Westinghouse Owners Group submitted

a topical report, WCAP-14986-P which provided justification for elimination of the PASS from the licensing basis. By eliminating PASS from the licensing basis, there would no longer be a licensee commitment to maintain the system. On May 5, 1999, the Combustion Engineering Owners Group