

sites considered for the MPRS were on undeveloped land on the NAU Centennial Forest and adjacent to existing development at The Arboretum at Flagstaff. It is expected that construction will be completed in May of 2006.

A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared that analyzes the potential environmental effects of this proposed action. From the information contained in the Draft EA, the NSF is prepared to find that no significant environmental effects will result from construction of the Merriam-Powell Research Station on the preferred site at the Arboretum at Flagstaff.

Dated: October 3, 2005.

Gerlad B. Selzer,

Program Director for Field Stations and Marine Laboratories, Division of Biological Infrastructure, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 615, Arlington, VA 22230.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

EarthScope Science and Education Advisory Committee; 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: EarthScope Science and Education Advisory Committee (#16638).

Dates/Time: 12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—Thursday, October 27, 2005, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.—Friday October 28, 2005.

Place: EarthScope Facility Office, 1200 New York Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Kaye Shedlock, Program Director, EarthScope Program, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, (703) 292-4693.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed below.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research, education and outreach in the EarthScope Program.

Agenda: To provide advice on EarthScope Program measures of success, education and outreach plans, webpage development and other program issues.

Dated: October 4, 2005.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources

Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Education and Human Resources (#1119).

Date/Time: November 2, 2005; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; November 3, 2005; 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 375, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

For Further Information Contact: James Colby, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-5331.

If you are attending the meeting and need access to the NSF, please contact the individual listed above so your name may be added to the building access list.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice with respect to the Foundation's education and human resources programming.

Agenda:

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Introduction of new Members.

Remarks by the Chair.

Presentation by the NSF Office of Cyberinfrastructure (OCI).

Presentation on the International Polar Year (IPY).

Discussion with Assistant Director.

Presentation on Evaluation and Discussion. COV Reports and Discussion.

Staff will present a matrix of issues and recommendations that cut across all 10 COV Reports.

Discussion of *Dean's Meeting to Discuss Math & Science Teacher Preparation.*

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Table Discussion on Important Questions and Issues for the Director.

Visit with NSF Director.

Next Steps.

Closing Remarks.

Housekeeping Chore: Set future meeting dates.

Adjourn.

Dated: October 4, 2005.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science

Foundation announces the following meeting:

NAME: Advisory Committee for engineering (1170).

DATE/TIME: November 8, 2005, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; November 9, 2005, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

PLACE: National Science Foundation, Room 375.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

CONTACT PERSON: Deborah Young, Administrative Officer, and Office of the Assistant Director for engineering, 703-292-8301.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to engineering programs and activities.

AGENDA: The principal focus of the forthcoming meeting will be on strategic issues, both for the Directorate and the Foundation as a whole. The Committee will also address matters relating to the future of the engineering profession and engineering education.

Dated: October 4, 2005.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences Advisory Committee (MPSAC), #66.

Date/Time: November 2, 2005 12 Noon-6 p.m.; November 3, 2005 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; November 4, 2005 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Room 1235.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Morris L. Aizenman, Senior Science Associate, Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Room 1005, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-8807.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning NSF science and education activities within the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

Agenda: Briefing to new members about NSF and Directorate, Update on current status of Directorate, Meeting with Education and Human Resources Advisory Committee, Update on High Magnetic Field Subcommittee, Meeting of MPSAC with Divisions within MPS Directorate, Report on

NSF/MPS CyberScience Activities, Discussion of MPS Long-term Planning Activities.

Summary Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Dated: October 4, 2005.

Susanne E. Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-528, 50-529, and 50-530]

Arizona Public Service Company; 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 Arizona Public Service Company (the licensee) to partially withdraw its May 28, 2003, application for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License No. NPF-41, NF-51, and NPF-74 for the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, located in Maricopa County, Arizona.

The proposed amendments would modify several surveillance requirements (SRs) in Technical Specifications (TSs) 3.8.1 and 3.8.4 on alternating current and direct current sources, respectively, for plant operation. The revised SRs would have notes deleted or modified to allow the SRs to be performed, or partially performed, in reactor modes that are currently not allowed by the TSs. The current SRs are not allowed to be performed in Modes 1 and 2. Several of the current SRs also cannot be performed in Modes 3 and 4.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 2003 (68 FR 40709). However, the licensee partially withdrew the proposed change in two separate letters. By letter dated June 23, 2004, the licensee withdrew the proposed changes to the notes in SR 3.8.4.7 and SR 3.8.4.8 and by letter dated September 27, 2005, the licensee withdrew the proposed changes to SRs 3.8.1.9, 3.8.1.10, and 3.8.1.14.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated May 28, 2003, and the licensee's letters dated June 23, 2004, and September 27, 2005, which partially withdrew the application for license amendments. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the

NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of September 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Mel B. Fields,

Senior Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate IV, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-309, License No. DPR-36]

Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company; Notice of Release of Land from the Jurisdiction of Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company's Facility Operating License No. DPR-36

On March 15, 2004, as supplemented by letters on September 2, 2004, and May 16, 2005, Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company (Maine Yankee) submitted a request to amend its license to release the remaining land under License No. DPR-36 with the exception of the land where the Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) is located, and a 3.17 acre parcel of land adjacent to the ISFSI. Notification of the amendment request was published in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 2004 (Vol. 69, No. 101, Page 69769).

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff reviewed the Final Status Survey Report (FSSR) and concludes that: (i) Dismantlement and decontamination activities were performed in accordance with the approved License Termination Plan (LTP), and (ii) Maine Yankee's FSSR Supplements 1-10A demonstrate that the land to be released from Facility Operating License No. DPR-36, meets the radiological criteria for unrestricted use, as defined by 10 CFR 20.1402, by meeting site release criteria of 10

millirem (Total Effective Dose Equivalent (TEDE) per year over background (all pathways) and 4 millirem (as distinguishable from background) TEDE per year for groundwater sources of drinking water in accordance with the approved LTP. Therefore, NRC is releasing all land from the jurisdiction of license DPR-36 except the land where the ISFSI is located, and a 3.17 acre parcel of land adjacent to the ISFSI.

For further details with respect to this action, see the license amendment request dated March 15, 2004, as supplemented by letters dated September 2, 2004, and May 16, 2005, and the Environmental Assessment dated February 12, 2003, available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agency-wide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML040990045, ML042600417, ML051440411, and ML030340122). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 30th day of September, 2005.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Daniel M. Gillen,

Deputy Director, Decommissioning Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-27]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Humboldt Bay Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Regarding a Proposed Exemption

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, from the provisions of 10 CFR 72.72(d) to Pacific