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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The OCS Policy Committee represents the collective viewpoint of coastal states, local government, environmental community, industry and other parties involved with the OCS Program. It provides policy advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Director of the MMS on all aspects of leasing, exploration, development, and protection of OCS resources.

**The Agenda for Tuesday, November 15 Will Cover the Following Principal Subjects**

*Energy Policy Act of 2005.* This presentation will address MMS responsibilities in implementing the provisions affecting the Outer Continental Shelf.

*Coastal Impact Assistance Program.* As authorized in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, MMS will implement a new program to distribute \$1 billion to coastal States and localities for approved projects related to the conservation, restoration, or protection of coastal areas, wildlife, and natural resources.

*OCS Renewable Energy and Alternative Use Program Approach.* The Energy Policy Act of 2005 amended the OCS Lands Act to grant management authority to the Secretary of the Interior, and MMS will develop a new regulatory regime to manage access, balancing competing uses while ensuring appropriate environmental safeguards. This presentation will also address the draft report of the OCS Policy Committee's Alternative Energy/Use Subcommittee.

*USGS/MMS Joint Session on the Marine Mapping Initiative.* The presentation will address the history, intent, and status of ongoing efforts and the objectives of MMS and USGS initiatives within the Energy Bill as well as broader Federal coordination efforts.

*Impact of Hurricanes on Energy Infrastructure and Outlook for Oil and Natural Gas Supplies.* This presentation will address the status of oil and gas availability, the outlook for the future as affected by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, and lessons learned.

*Impact of 2004-2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes on Coastal Environment.* This presentation will address the impacts of Hurricanes Ivan, Dennis, Katrina, and Rita on coastal barrier islands, beaches, estuaries, wetlands, and other environments along the

northern Gulf of Mexico coastal area from the Florida panhandle to Texas.

*MMS Regional Issues.* The Regional Directors will highlight activities of the Pacific, Alaska, and Gulf of Mexico regions.

**The Agenda for Wednesday, November 16 Will Cover the Following Principal Subjects**

*OCS Scientific Committee Update.* This presentation will address the current activities of the OCS Scientific Committee and its subcommittees.

*Congressional Update.* This presentation will address legislative activity pertinent to the OCS program.

*5-Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program 2007-2012.* This presentation will address the steps for development of the next 5-Year Program (2007-2012), input received during the comment period, and the supporting Environmental Impact Statement.

*Committee Business.* Status reports from the OCS Policy Committee's 5-Year OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program and Hard Minerals Subcommittees.

The meeting is open to the public. Approximately 100 visitors can be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Upon request, interested parties may make oral or written presentations to the OCS Policy Committee. Such requests should be made no later than November 10, 2005, to Jeryne Bryant. Requests to make oral statements should be accompanied by a summary of the statement to be made. Please see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section for address and telephone number.

Minutes of the OCS Policy Committee meeting will be available for public inspection and copying at the MMS in Herndon, Virginia.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, and the Office of Management and Budget's Circular No. A-63, Revised.

Dated: October 26, 2005.

**Thomas A. Readinger,**

*Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.*

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**NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

**National Endowment for the Arts; Arts Advisory Panel**

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that one meeting of the Arts

Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20506 as follows:

National Initiatives (application review): November 17-18, 2005 in Room 714. A portion of this meeting, from 5:30 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Friday, November 18th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remainder of the meeting, from 8:15 a.m. to 6 p.m. on November 17th and from 8:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 5:45 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. on November 18th, will be closed.

The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of April 8, 2005, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of Accessibility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC, 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: October 26, 2005.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Rulemaking To Establish a Regulatory Framework for the Expanded Definition of Byproduct Material Established by the Energy Policy Act; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Section 651(e) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 expanded the definition of byproduct material as defined in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended. To comply with the Congressional mandate, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is changing its regulations to expand the definition of byproduct material to include the following materials produced, extracted, or converted after extraction for use for commercial, medical, or research activities: (1) Discrete sources of radium-226, (2) accelerator-produced radioactive material, and (3) discrete sources of naturally occurring radioactive material, other than source material, that the Commission, in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and other appropriate Federal agencies, determines would pose a threat to public health and safety or the common defense and security similar to the threat posed by a discrete source of radium-226. To aid in the rulemaking process, NRC is holding a public meeting with a "roundtable" format (defined further in the body of this notice) to solicit input, that may be useful in drafting a proposed rule, from stakeholders. The meeting is open to the public, and all interested parties may attend. Individuals unable to attend the meeting will be able to listen by teleconference.

**DATES:** November 9, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.; however, all persons planning to attend the meeting are encouraged to preregister in order to facilitate security check-in on the day of the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leslie Kerr, telephone (301) 415-6272, e-mail [lsk@nrc.gov](mailto:lsk@nrc.gov), of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Questions on the meeting format, including participation in the roundtable, should be directed to the meeting facilitator, Francis "Chip" Cameron. Mr. Cameron can be reached at 301-415-1642 or [fxc@nrc.gov](mailto:fxc@nrc.gov). To preregister to attend the meeting in person or to participate via teleconference, please contact Jayne McCausland, telephone (301) 415-6219, fax (301) 415-5369, or e-mail [jmm2@nrc.gov](mailto:jmm2@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 651(e) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005

(the Act) expanded the definition of byproduct material in Section 11e. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 to include certain naturally occurring and accelerator produced radioactive material (NARM) and required the NRC to provide a regulatory framework for licensing and regulating the additional byproduct material. The NRC is conducting a rulemaking to revise its regulations to expand the definition of byproduct material to include: (1) Any discrete source of radium-226 that is produced, extracted, or converted after extraction for use for commercial, medical, or research activities; (2) accelerator-produced radioactive material that is produced, extracted, or converted after extraction for use for commercial, medical, or research activities; and (3) any discrete source of naturally occurring radioactive material, other than source material, that is extracted or converted after extraction for use for commercial, medical, or research activities that the Commission determines, in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the head of any other appropriate Federal agency, would pose a threat to public health and safety or the common defense and security similar to the threat posed by discrete sources of radium-226.

NRC is holding a public meeting on November 9, 2005 to solicit input from stakeholders on the regulation of NARM. The format for this public meeting will be a "roundtable" format. Participants at the roundtable will be the invited representatives of the broad spectrum of interests who may be affected by this rulemaking. The roundtable format is being used for this meeting to promote a dialogue among the representatives at the table on the issues of concern. Although the focus of the discussion will be on the invited participants at the table, an opportunity will be provided for comment and questions from the audience. Questions on the meeting format, including participation in the roundtable, should be directed to the meeting facilitator, Francis "Chip" Cameron. Mr. Cameron can be reached at 301-415-1642 or [fxc@nrc.gov](mailto:fxc@nrc.gov). An agenda for the meeting will be posted to the NRC's rulemaking website: <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>.

Those planning to attend the meeting are encouraged to preregister for the meeting by notifying Ms. Jayne M. McCausland, telephone (301) 415-6219, fax (301) 415-5369, or e-mail [jmm2@nrc.gov](mailto:jmm2@nrc.gov). If an attendee will require special services, such as services for the hearing impaired, please notify

Ms. McCausland of these requirements when preregistering. Individuals unable to attend the meeting will be able to listen by teleconference. For teleconference information, please contact Ms. McCausland.

The NRC is accessible to the White Flint Metro Station. Visitor parking near the NRC buildings is limited.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of October, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
**Charles L. Miller,**

*Director, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment; Notice of Meeting**

The ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) will hold a meeting on November 17-18, 2005, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Thursday, November 17, 2005—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.  
Friday, November 18, 2005—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the details of the Standardized Plant Analysis Risk (SPAR) program.

The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, and their contractors regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Mr. Eric A. Thornsby, (Telephone: 301-415-8716) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are