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: October 23, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Engineering: 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: Advisory Committee for Engineering (#1170).

Date and Time: November 4, 1997/8:30 am–5:00 p.m., November 5, 1997/8:30 am–12:30 p.m.

Place: November 4 and 5, Room 1235, (National Science Board Meeting Room), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Joseph E. Hennessey, Acting Deputy Assistant Director for Engineering, National Science Foundation, Suite 505, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306–1301.

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

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to Engineering programs and activities.

Agenda: Discussion on issues, opportunities and future directions for the Engineering Directorate; discussion of Engineering Directorate budget situation as well as other items. Reason for Late Notice: Difficulty in arranging an acceptable meeting date for the members.

Dated: October 23, 1997.

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Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. IA 97–070, ASLBP No. 98–734–01–EA]

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board; In the Matter of Magdy Elamir, M.D., Newark, New Jersey; Order Superseding Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activities (Effective Immediately); Notice of Hearing

Before Administrative Judges: Charles Bechhoefer, Chairman, Dr. Jerry R. Kline, Dr. Peter S. Lam.

October 23, 1997.

Notice is hereby given that, by Memorandum and Order (Request for Hearing and Stay of Proceeding), dated October 23, 1997, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board has granted the request of Magdy Elamir, M.D., Newark, New Jersey, for a hearing in the above-titled proceeding. The hearing concerns the Order Superseding Order Prohibiting Involvement in NRC-Licensed Activities (Effective Immediately) (hereinafter, Superseding Order), issued by the NRC Staff on September 15, 1997 (published at 62 FR 49536 (September 22, 1997). The parties to the proceeding are Dr. Elamir and the NRC Staff. The issue to be considered at the hearing is whether the Superseding Order should be sustained.

Materials concerning this proceeding are on file at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20555, and at the Commission's Region I office, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406–1415.

During the course of this proceeding, the Licensing Board, as necessary, will conduct one or more prehearing conferences and evidentiary hearing sessions. The time and place of these sessions will be announced in Licensing Board Orders. Members of the public are invited to attend any such sessions.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Rockville, Maryland, October 23, 1997.

Charles Bechhoefer,

Chairman, Administrative Judge.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–302]

Florida Power Corporation; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations to Florida Power Corporation (the licensee), holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR–72 for operation of the Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant (CR3) located in Citrus County, Florida.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated June 21, 1996 as supplemented November 22, 1996, for exemption from certain requirements of Section III, Paragraph G, ''Fire protection of safe shutdown capability,'' of Appendix R, ''Fire Protection Program for Nuclear Power Facilities Operating Prior to January 1, 1979,'' to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 50 (10 CFR part 50). Specifically, the licensee requests an exemption from the requirements of Section III.G.2.c of Appendix R, to allow the use of the existing fire barrier material, Thermo-Lag, with less than 1-hour fire rating, for protecting one train of certain redundant safe shutdown cables located in the auxiliary building elevations 95 and 119, and intermediate building elevation 119.

This environmental assessment does not address the licensee's request relating to the requirements for battery powered lighting in areas for the operation of safe shutdown equipment.

The Need for the Proposed Action

10 CFR part 50, Appendix A, ''General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants,'' Criterion 3 ''Fire Protection,'' specifies that ''Structures, systems, and components important to safety shall be designed and located to minimize, consistent with other safety requirements, the probability and effect of fires and explosions.'' 10 CFR part 50, Appendix R, sets forth the fire protection features required to satisfy the General Design Criterion 3 of the Commission's regulations. Pursuant to 10 CFR part 50, Appendix R, Section III, Paragraph G, design features shall be established that are capable of limiting fire damage so that one train of systems necessary to achieve and maintain hot shutdown conditions is free of fire damage. Specifically, 10 CFR part 50, Appendix R, Paragraph III. G.2.c, in part, requires (if Paragraphs III.G.2.a or b are not applicable) enclosure of cable and equipment and associated non-safety circuits of one redundant train in a fire barrier having a 1-hour rating; in addition, fire detectors and an automatic