

Program Administrator, and an update on the evaluation contract.

**DATES:** The meeting will occur noon to 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, September 28, 2004, and 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 29, 2004. The period for public comment will occur 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., Wednesday, September 29, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will occur at the Office of National Drug Control Policy, 5th Floor Conference Room, 750 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. To register call Carlos Dublin at (202) 395-6762.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Priebe (202) 395-6622.

Dated: August 20, 2004.

**Daniel R. Petersen,**

*Assistant General Counsel.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Application Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

Notice is hereby given that the National Science Foundation (NSF) has received a waste management permit application for operation of a Firefly aircraft on a solo flight to the South Pole. The application is submitted to NSF pursuant to regulations issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by September 24, 2004. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-8030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed Antarctic Waste Regulations, 45 CFR part 671, that requires all U.S. citizens and entities to obtain a permit for the use or release of a designated pollutant in Antarctica, and for the release of waste in Antarctica.

The waste permit applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Gustavus A. McLeod, 21717 Glendalough Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882. Permit Application No. 2005 WM-002.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* The applicant is an aviator and leader of an expedition to fly to the South Pole and Makes this application for a Waste Management Permit for the use and release of designated pollutants. The applicant plans to fly solo in a Firefly aircraft from South America, land at Marambio Station to refuel, then fly round-trip to South Pole returning to Marambio, then onward to South America. Other than Marambio Station the applicant does not plan to make other landings in Antarctica and will not establish any camps.

*Location:* Antarctic continent.

*Dates:* November 1, 2004 to February 15, 2005.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer.*

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## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 31, 2004.

**PLACE:** NTSB Conference Center, 429 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Washington, DC 20594.

**STATUS:** The one item is Open to the public.

**MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** 7654 *Highway-Marine Accident Report*—U.S. Towboat Robert Y. Love Allision with the I-40 Highway Bridge near Webbers Falls, Oklahoma, May 26, 2002.

*New Media Contact: Telephone: (202) 314-6100.*

Individuals requesting specific accommodations should contact Ms.

Carolyn Dargan at (202) 314-6305 by Friday, August 27, 2004.

The public may view the meeting via a live or archived webcast by accessing a link under "News & Events" on the NTSB home page at <http://www.nts.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vicky D'Onofrio, (202) 314-6410.

Dated: August 20, 2004.

**Vicky D'Onofrio,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors;" Notice of Availability

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," which provides policy and guidance for the development, administration, and grading of written examinations and operating tests used to determine the qualifications of individuals who apply for reactor operator (RO) and senior reactor operator (SRO) licenses at nuclear power plants pursuant to the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR part 55, "Operators' Licenses." NUREG-1021 also provides guidance for verifying the continued qualifications of licensed operators when the staff determines that NRC requalification examinations are necessary.

NUREG-1021 has been revised to implement a number of clarifications and enhancements that have been identified since Revision 8, Supplement 1, was published in April 2001. A draft of Revision 9 was issued for comment and voluntary trial use on February 3, 2003 (68 FR 5312), and seven responses were received during the comment period, which closed on December 31, 2003. The public comments and recommendations, as well as others that were provided by the NRC regional offices and staff, are available for review via the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>) and in the NRC's Public Document Room located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland; the Accession Number for the comment summary is ML041240004.

Revision 9 includes a number of changes that the NRC staff believes will maintain operational safety and public confidence, while reducing the regulatory burden on facility licensees and improving efficiency: notably, the RO written examination has been shortened from 100 to 75 questions, the design of the 100-question SRO written examination has been clarified and simplified, the administrative and systems portions of the walk-through operating test have been combined and reapportioned, and the grading criteria for the simulator operating test have been clarified to enhance consistency. A number of additional changes have been made to address questions raised since Revision 8, Supplement 1, was issued and to conform with other regulatory activities. The changes in Revision 9 are outlined in the Executive Summary, and the new or revised text is identified with vertical lines in the margins.

Revision 9 will become effective for operator licensing examinations that are administered 180 or more days after the date of this notice, or at an earlier date agreed upon by the facility licensee and its NRC Regional Office. After the effective date, facility licensees that elect to prepare their examinations will be expected to do so based on the guidance in Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, unless the NRC has reviewed and approved the facility licensee's alternative examination procedures.

Copies of Revision 9 are being mailed to the plant or site manager at each nuclear power facility regulated by the NRC. A copy is available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC's Public Document Room, located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. NUREG-1021 is also available for downloading from the NRC's Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1021/>). If you do not have electronic access to NRC documents, you may request a single copy of Revision 9 by writing to the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Reproduction and Distribution Services Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 (facsimile: 301-512-2289). Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. NUREG documents are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of August 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**David C. Trimble,**

*Chief, Operator Licensing and Human Performance Section, Reactor Operations Branch, Division of Inspection Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket Nos. (as shown in Attachment 2) EA-03-097]**

### **In the Matter of All Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Licensees Order Modifying License (Effective Immediately)**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Issuance of order for implementation of additional security measures associated with access authorization.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cynthia Barr, Project Manager, Licensing and Inspection Directorate, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Rockville, MD 20852. Telephone: (301) 415-4015; fax number: (301) 415-8555; e-mail [CSB2@nrc.gov](mailto:CSB2@nrc.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Introduction**

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.106, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is providing notice in the matter of all independent spent fuel storage installation licensees order modifying license (effective immediately).

##### **II. Further Information**

###### **I**

The licensees identified in Attachment 2 to this Order hold licenses issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) authorizing the operation of Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI) facilities in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) part 50 and/or 10 CFR part 72. Commission regulations at 10 CFR 72.184 and 10 CFR 72.212 require these licensees to have a safeguards contingency plan to respond to threats of radiological sabotage, and to protect the spent fuel against the threat of radiological sabotage.

Inasmuch as an insider has an opportunity equal to or greater than any

other person to commit radiological sabotage, the Commission has determined these measures to be prudent. This Order is being issued to all licensees who currently store spent fuel or have identified near term plans to store spent fuel in an ISFSI.

###### **II**

On September 11, 2001, terrorists simultaneously attacked targets in New York, N.Y., and Washington, DC, utilizing large commercial aircraft as weapons. In response to the attacks and intelligence information subsequently obtained, the Commission issued a number of Safeguards and Threat Advisories to its licensees in order to strengthen licensees' capabilities and readiness to respond to a potential attack on a nuclear facility. On October 16, 2002, the Commission issued Orders to the licensees of operating independent spent fuel storage installations to put the actions taken in response to the Advisories in the established regulatory framework and to implement additional security enhancements which emerged from the NRC's ongoing comprehensive review. The Commission has also communicated with other Federal, State, local government agencies and industry representatives to discuss and evaluate the current threat environment in order to assess the adequacy of security measures at licensed facilities. In addition, the Commission has been conducting a comprehensive review of its safeguards and security programs and requirements.

As a result of its consideration of current safeguards and security requirements, as well as a review of information provided by the intelligence community, the Commission has determined that certain additional security measures are required to address the current threat environment in a consistent manner throughout the nuclear ISFSI community. Therefore, the Commission is imposing requirements, as set forth in Attachment 1<sup>1</sup> of this Order, on all licensees of these facilities. These requirements, which supplement existing regulatory requirements, will provide the Commission with reasonable assurance that the public health and safety and common defense and security continue to be adequately protected in the current threat environment. These requirements will remain in effect until the Commission determines otherwise.

<sup>1</sup> Attachment 1 contains SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION and will not be released to the public.