

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's request for the exemption dated December 1, 1997, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington DC, and at the local public document room located at the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Library, 1001 Broad Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 24th day of February, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Frederick J. Hebdon,

Director, Project Directorate II-3, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Number: 030-14526; License Number: 37-00062-07]

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center (Philadelphia, PA); Receipt of Petition for Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by Petition dated January 28, 1998, Ann Lovell (Petitioner) has requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission take immediate action to suspend or revoke the NRC license issued to the Philadelphia Veterans Administration Medical Center (PVAMC). As grounds for her request, the Petitioner asserts that the PVAMC executive management is operating in a manner that has the potential to present a significant danger to Medical Center patients, staff, and the general public. Specifically, the Petitioner asserts that there has been a consistent pattern of NRC violations occurring within the Medical Center for which PVAMC has failed to take corrective action; that PVAMC has supplied false information to NRC; that the Petitioner and two other members of the staff became contaminated with radioactive material in the nuclear medicine department as a result of what the Petitioner believes was an intentional incident; and that PVAMC

employees are fearful of bringing safety concerns to the licensee and to the NRC because of their concern for their safety and because of NRC's "history of inaction" regarding the medical center.

The request is being treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. It has been referred to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. The Petitioner's request for immediate action was denied by letter dated February 27, 1998.

A copy of the Petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, N.W. (lower level), Washington, DC.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of February 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carl J. Paperiello,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Open Committee Meetings**

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—

Thursday, April 16, 1998
Thursday, April 30, 1998
Thursday, May 14, 1998
Thursday, June 4, 1998
Thursday, June 18, 1998
Thursday, July 9, 1998
Thursday, July 23, 1998

The meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the Office of Personnel Management.

These scheduled meetings will start in open session with both labor and

management representatives attending. During the meetings either the labor members or the management members may caucus separately with the Chair to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee's Secretary.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on this meeting may be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5559, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415 (202) 606-1500.

Dated: February 26, 1998.

Phyllis G. Heuerman,

Acting Chair, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**Existing Collection; Comment Request**

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, 450 5th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549.

Extension: Rule 23c-3 and Form N-23c-3, SEC File No. 270-373, OMB Control No. 3235-0422.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office