

Date & Time: July 12–13, 1999; 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Richard Hilderbrandt, Program Officer, National Science Foundation, Room 1055, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1844.

Purpose of Meeting: Reviewing proposals submitted to the Knowledge and Distributed Intelligence (KDI) Program.

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: June 22, 1999.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (1756).

Date and Time: July 26–28, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 770, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Stephen Nelson, Program Director, Mesoscale Dynamic Meteorology Program, Room 775, Division of Atmospheric Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, VA 22230 Telephone: (703) 306-1526.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate the U.S. Weather Research Program (USWRP) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

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.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs.

Date/Time: August 10–12, 1999 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Charles Myers, Program Manager, Head, Interagency for Arctic Staff, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, Room 755, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306-1029.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for Environmental observatories Remote/Autonomous Instruments Sample Repositories.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

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.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 30-34610-ML, ASLBP No. 99-768-02-ML]

Department of the Army; Designation of Presiding Officer

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and §§ 2.1201 and 2.1207 of part 2 of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

U.S. Department of the Army (Request for Materials License)

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 CFR part 2, subpart L, of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns a request for hearing submitted by the U.S. Department of the Army in response to a denial by the NRC staff of the Army's application for registration and licensing of the model M22/GID-3 Automatic Chemical Agent Detector/Alarm for distribution under 10 CFR 32.26 to users exempt from the regulations in accordance with 10 CFR 30.20.

The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge Charles Bechhoefer. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.722, 2.1209, Administrative Judge Linda W. Little has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bechhoefer and Judge Little in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1203. Their addresses are:

Administrative Judge Charles

Bechhoefer, Presiding Officer, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dr. Linda W. Little, Special Assistant, 5000 Hermitage Drive, Raleigh, NC 27612

Issued at Rockville, Md., this 22nd day of June 1999.

G. Paul Bollwerk III,

Acting Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee meeting on Planning and Procedures scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 1999, has been changed to start at 9:30 a.m. Notice of this meeting was published in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, June 15, 1999 (64 FR 32070). All other items pertaining to this meeting remain the same as previously published.

For further information contact: Dr. John T. Larkins, cognizant ACRS staff

person (telephone: 301/415-7360) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT).

Dated: June 22, 1999.

Richard P. Savio,

Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on July 14-16, 1999, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64105).

Wednesday, July 14, 1999

- 8:30 A.M.-8:45 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman** (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.
- 8:45 A.M.-10:15 A.M.: Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) RETRAN-3D Thermal-Hydraulic Transient Analysis Code** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the status of the review of the EPRI RETRAN-3D thermal-hydraulic transient analysis code.
- 10:30 A.M.-11:30 A.M.: Proposed Revision to Appendix K of 10 CFR Part 50** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding proposed revision to Appendix K, "ECCS Evaluation Models," to allow minor power level increases, and related matters.
- 12:30 P.M.-2:00 P.M.: Options for Crediting Existing Programs for License Renewal** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Nuclear Energy Institute regarding the proposed options for crediting existing NRC-approved programs for license renewal.
- 2:15 P.M.-3:45 P.M.: Proposed Revision 3 to Regulatory Guide 1.160 (DG-1082), "Assessing and Managing Risk Before Maintenance Activities at Nuclear Power Plants"** (Open)—

The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed revision 3 to Regulatory Guide 1.160.

- 4:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.: Proposed Approach for Revising 10 CFR 50.61, Pressurized Thermal Shock Rule** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the staff's proposed approach for revising the Pressurized Thermal Shock Rule.
- 5:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports** (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports for consideration by the full Committee.
- 6:00 P.M.-7:15 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports** (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Thursday, July 15, 1999

- 8:30 A.M.-8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman** (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.
- 8:35 A.M.-10:00 A.M.: Proposed Final Regulatory Guide for Updating Final Safety Analysis Reports** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Nuclear Energy Institute regarding proposed final Regulatory Guide for Updating the Final Safety Analysis Reports, and related matters.
- 10:15 A.M.-12:00 Noon: Control Room Habitability** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with: Dr. Kovach, an invited expert, on control room habitability issues; representatives of the NRC staff on staff activities associated with resolving control room habitability issues; and representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute regarding industry activities related to control room habitability.
- 1:00 P.M.-2:30 P.M.: Proposed Amendment to 10 CFR 50.55a "Codes and Standards"** (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, the Nuclear Energy Institute, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers regarding the proposed amendment to 10 CFR 50.55a, including the proposed staff position on eliminating the

regulatory requirement for licensees to update their inservice inspection and inservice testing programs every 120 months, and related matters.

- 2:30 P.M.-2:45 P.M.: Subcommittee Report** (Open)—The Committee will hear a report by the Chairman of the ACRS Subcommittees on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and on Regulatory Policies and Practices regarding matters discussed at the July 13, 1999 joint meeting, including the development of risk-informed revisions to 10 CFR Part 50, proposed definitions and scope changes related to structures, systems, and components, as well as policy issues, special studies, and related matters.
- 3:00 P.M.-3:45 P.M.: Proposed Plan for Preparation of the Annual ACRS Report to the Commission** (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed plan for preparing the next annual ACRS report to the Commission on the NRC Safety Research Program.
- 3:45 P.M.-4:45 P.M.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports** (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports for consideration by the full Committee.
- 4:45 P.M.-7:15 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports** (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Friday, July 16, 1999

- 8:30 A.M.-8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman** (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.
- 8:35 A.M.-10:00 A.M.: Highlights from Incident Reporting System** (Closed)—The Committee will hear a presentation by and hold discussions with representatives from the NRC staff regarding highlights of events that occurred at foreign nuclear plants during 1997 and 1998 and associated safety significance.
- Note:** This session will be closed to discuss information provided in confidence by a foreign source.
- 10:15 A.M.-10:30 A.M.: Future ACRS Activities** (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings.
- 10:30 A.M.-10:45 A.M.: Report of the Planning and Procedures**