

received in that office on or before March 24, 1995. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: February 10, 1995.

**Patricia W. Silvey,**

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Use of Alternative Means of Dispute Resolution; Policy Statement

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of policy statement.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (the "Foundation") has developed a policy to address the use of alternative means of dispute resolution (ADR) within its administrative programs, as required by the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act, Public Law No. 101-552.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This policy statement is effective on February 22, 1995. Because it is a general statement of policy and addresses internal agency procedures and practices, no prior notice or opportunity for public comment is required.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lawrence Rudolph, Acting General Counsel and National Science Foundation Dispute Resolution Specialist, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1265, Arlington, Virginia 22230, (703) 306-1060.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 15, 1990, Congress enacted the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act (Public Law No. 101-552). The Act requires agencies to designate a senior official as its dispute resolution specialist and to adopt a policy addressing use of ADR in connection with an agency's administrative programs. Although the Act authorizes and encourages agencies to use ADR techniques as an alternative to traditional dispute resolution mechanisms, use of ADR is subject to agency discretion.

### Paperwork Reduction Act Statement

This policy statement contains no information collection requirements and therefore is not subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.)

### Foundation Policy on ADR

The Foundation encourages the use of alternative methods of dispute

resolution within its administrative programs. These methods, which include settlement negotiations, conciliation, facilitation, mediation, fact-finding, mini-trials and arbitration, provide alternatives to traditional adversarial proceedings. ADR techniques should be implemented in a way that will reduce costs and delays associated with adjudication, improve employee and constituent relations, and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of programs.

An ADR Task Force reviewed the types of disputes arising at NSF and the Foundation's procedures for resolving them. The Task Force concluded that existing informal mechanisms for resolving disputes between NSF and grantees are effective and consistent with ADR processes. However, the Task Force did identify one type of dispute which could benefit from the use of ADR techniques—employee discrimination complaints related to equal employment opportunity. As a result, NSF will implement a voluntary mediation program for resolution of employment discrimination complaints filed by NSF employees, and will either train Foundation employees to mediate such disputes or rely on an inter-governmental pool of mediators. The Foundation will make every effort to ensure the confidentiality of information provided to all participants in an ADR proceeding, consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

As circumstances change or new types of disputes arise, the Foundation will consider further use of ADR techniques. The Foundation encourages senior management officials to discuss other situations where ADR may be appropriate with NSF's Deputy General Counsel, who serves as the Foundation's Dispute Resolution Specialist.

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**Lawrence Rudolph,**

*Acting General Counsel and Agency Dispute Resolution Specialist.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on March 8, 1995, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of

a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACRS, and matters the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows: Wednesday, March 8, 1995—9:00 a.m.—12 noon.

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. Also, it will discuss status of the appointment of members to the ACRS. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff person named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements, and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff person, Dr. John T. Larkins (telephone: 301/415-7360) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual on the working day prior to the meeting to be advised of any changes in schedule, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: February 13, 1995.

**Sam Duraiswamy,**

*Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.*

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### Regulatory Guide; Extension of Comment Period

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has extended the public comment period on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-0005, "Applications for Licenses of Broad Scope," until March 31, 1995, to