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*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship Program (NATO).

*Agenda:* Review and Evaluate NATO proposals.

*Reasons 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 within exemptions 4 and 6 of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

*Reasons for Late Notice:* Complications with meeting logistics.

Dated: April 5, 1995.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

### Two Public Forums for Alaskan Air Safety Study

As part of a special study of aviation safety in Alaska, the National Transportation Safety Board will convene two public forums. The forums will be held in Juneau, Alaska, on May 22, 1995, at the Westmark Baranof Hotel, 127 North Franklin St., and in Anchorage, Alaska, on May 24 and 25, at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel, 401 East Sixth Avenue. For more information, contact Mike Benson, Office of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20594, telephone (202) 382-0660.

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**Bea Hardesty,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Announcement of the NRC's Intent To Reduce the Scope of Work to States Under Contract to the NRC To Perform Environmental Monitoring in the Environs of Selected NRC Licensed Facilities

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulation Commission (NRC) is issuing an

announcement of its intent to reduce the scope of work for contracts with States which perform environmental monitoring in the environs of selected NRC licensed facilities. The NRC is seeking comment from interested parties regarding the proposed contract action discussed in the announcement presented in the appendix to this document. The NRC will consider comments received from interested parties in the final evaluation of the proposed contract action.

**DATES:** Comment period expires May 26, 1995. Comments submitted after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Written comments may also be delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 am to 4:15 pm, Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen Klementowicz, (301) 415-1084.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Announcement of the NRC's intent to reduce the scope of work to States under contract to the NRC to perform environmental monitoring in the environs of selected NRC licensed facilities appears in the appendix to this document.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of April 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Charles L. Miller,**

*Chief, Emergency Preparedness and Radiation Protection Branch, Division of Technical Support, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

### Appendix—Announcement of the NRC's Intent to Reduce the Scope of Work to States Under Contract to the NRC To Perform Environmental Monitoring in the Environs of Selected NRC Licensed Facilities

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is soliciting comments on its plan to reduce the scope of work for the Cooperative Agreement program under which States are paid to conduct radiological environmental monitoring in the environs of selected nuclear facilities. The NRC plans to eliminate the scope of work in 1996 for the part of the program under which States obtain and analyze environmental samples. However, the NRC plans to continue the part of the program under which States participate in the NRC's direct radiation monitoring network. This reduction in the scope of work of the program directly affects 27 States. The

elimination of the environmental monitoring portion of the program will not have an impact on public health and safety and does not represent a reduction in plant safety.

The State Cooperative Agreement Program was established in the 1970s to provide NRC assistance to State radiological health programs, through the use of NRC-funded contracts, to perform measurements of radioactive material released into the environment from NRC-licensed facilities. The States issue an annual report to the NRC of all analyses they perform with comparisons of similar analyses performed by the respective nuclear facility. The NRC uses this data as a supplemental tool in assessing the performance of environmental monitoring programs conducted by nuclear power plants. The contracts for environmental monitoring were intended as a means to assist States with nuclear facilities to develop their own environmental monitoring programs, but not to fully fund them.

NRC-licensed facilities are under strict NRC requirements to monitor and control the release of radioactive materials to the air, water and ground around their facilities. The NRC inspects and reviews licensee conformance with the requirements on a routine basis.

In addition to the environmental monitoring portion of the program, which will cost \$1 million for 1995, the NRC has a provision in the contract, which will continue to remain, for the States to participate in the NRC's direct radiation monitoring network. The network provides continuous measurement of the ambient radiation levels around selected nuclear facilities by using small devices called thermoluminescent dosimeters (TLDs). The cost of this program for 1995 is \$195,000.

The environmental monitoring portion of the program was specifically chosen for elimination because of the excellent record maintained by NRC-licensed facilities in controlling the release of radiological effluents into the environment within regulatory limits. In addition, the elimination of the data supplied by the States will not adversely affect NRC's ability to effectively monitor and regulate NRC licensees in this area.

The NRC recognizes the excellent service and cooperation the States have provided under this program. However, the need to constantly examine and adjust programs to ensure that public health and safety is protected in the most cost-effective manner has necessitated the reduction in this program.

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### Northern States Power Company; Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is