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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; 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: Power Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems (1205).

Date & Time: March 17, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Rooms 530 Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. Jorn Larsen-Basse, Program Director, Control, Mechanics and Materials Cluster, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, Room 545, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. 703/306-1361, x 5068.

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

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

Reason for Closing: The proposal 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 Sunshine Act.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Workshop: Decommissioning for Routine Materials Cases

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of workshop for routine materials decommissioning cases.

SUMMARY: The NRC will host a public decommissioning workshop in Rockville, Maryland, as part of a

program to identify and evaluate new and different approaches to the decommissioning review process for materials licensees. This program is one of several initiatives which resulted from NRC's recent Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative, which is intended to guide future NRC decision-making and help NRC continue to meet its responsibility for protecting the public health and safety and the environment.

The objectives of the workshop are to: (1) Discuss NRC's decommissioning requirements and NRC's expectations of licensees in demonstrating compliance with these requirements; (2) elicit comments, both favorable and critical, from workshop participants related to the existing decommissioning review process and procedures; (3) obtain ideas from participants on, and discuss potential improvements in, the regulatory process for decommissioning; (4) discuss plans for a pilot program to evaluate improvements to the decommissioning review process, using sites of volunteer licensees; and (5) determine licensee interest in participating in a pilot program.

The NRC staff will use the comments and information obtained during the workshop to develop recommendations for improvements in the decommissioning process. After consulting with the Commission concerning these recommendations, the staff will conduct a pilot program with volunteer licensees, implementing the improvements on a limited basis. As the pilot decommissioning cases are completed, the NRC will use the lessons learned to improve the regulatory process. Materials licensees who are interested in the pilot program should express interest during the workshop, or should contact NRC as listed below by April 3, 1998.

Note that the workshop will address non-complex, routine materials decommissioning cases. The workshop and pilot program are not intended for power reactor sites or complex sites such as those identified in the NRC Site Decommissioning Management Plan. Further information on the Site Decommissioning Management Plan can be obtained in the **Federal Register** notice published on April 16, 1992 (57 FR 13389).

DATES: The workshop will be held on March 19, 1998, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at about 3:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Persons who wish to attend the workshop should contact NRC at least one week prior to the workshop.

ADDRESSES: The public workshop will be held in the NRC's auditorium at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland (near Washington, DC). Visitor parking around the NRC building is limited; however, the workshop site is located adjacent to the White Flint Station on the Metro Red Line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information or questions on meeting arrangements, contact Richard H. Turtill, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone 301-415-6721, fax 301-415-5369, E-mail: RHT@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of February, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W.N. Hickey,

Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

February 20, 1998.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated thereunder. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments thereto is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by March 16, 1998, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in cases of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing shall identify specifically the issues of fact or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of