

**ACTION:** Notice of permit modification issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978. This is the required notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 24, 1998 notice was published in the **Federal Register** of a request for modification to permit 95WM1-NSFA/ASA for waste management activities at all U.S. Antarctic Program facilities in Antarctica. The requested modification would make Antarctic Support Associates sole holder of the permit. The requested modification has been granted. All special conditions of the original permit remain the same except for the deletion of references to Naval Support Force Antarctica (NSFA).

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**  
Permit Officer.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental 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:* Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (No. 97-87).

*Date and Time:* June 2-3, 1998; 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 530, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Fred G. Heineken, Program Director, Biotechnology Engineering, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1318.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate the 1998 Biotechnology 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.

Dated: May 11, 1998.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

Committee Management Officer.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Infrastructure; 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 Biological Infrastructure (1754).

*Date & Time:* June 2-5, 1998; 9am-5pm daily.

*Place:* Room 1235, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Judith Verbeke, Program Director, Plant Genome Research, Division of Biological Infrastructure, Room 615, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1470.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Plant Genome Research 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 Sunshine Act.

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**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

Committee Management Officer.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation; 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 Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation—(1194).

*Date and Time:* June 2, 3, 4, 1998, 8:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

*Place:* Rooms 310, 320, 330, 340, 360, 375, 380, 580, and 730, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of meeting:* Closed.

*CONTACT PERSON:* Dr. George A.

Hazelrigg, Program Director, Design and Integration Engineering Program, Dr. Delcie Durham, Program Director, Materials Processing and Manufacturing Program, Dr. Ming Leu, Program Director, Manufacturing Machines and Equipment Program, (703) 306-1330, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

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

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

*Reason for closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552bc (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications 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:* Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communications System (1196).

*Date and Time:* June 2-3, 1998: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 320, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Persons:* Dr. Tien P. Lee, Program Director, Physical Foundations of Enabling Technologies (PEET), Division of Electrical and Communications Systems, National Science Foundations, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 675, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1339.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate research proposals in the Physical Foundations of Enabling Technologies program 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 within exemptions 4 and 6 of 5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(4) and (6) the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Integrative Activities; 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 Integrative Activities (1373).

*Date and Time:* June 1 & 2, 1998, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Rooms 330 and 340, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Nathaniel G. Pitts, Director, Office of Integrative Activities, Room 1270, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, Virginia 22230; Telephone: (703) 306-1040.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate applications submitted to the Collaboratives to Integrate Research and Education (CIRE).

*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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**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel; 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 Physics (1208).

*Date and Time:* June 4-5, 1998 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

*Place:* University of Rochester, River Campus, B&L Building, Rochester, NY 14627.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Barry Schneider, Program Director for Theoretical Physics, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1808.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning further NSF support of the Center for Theoretical and Computational Research in Optical Science (CTR) at the University of Rochester.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate the progress and future plans of the Rochester Theory Center.

*Reason For Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; information on personnel and proprietary data for present and future subcontracts. 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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**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-482]

### Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-42, issued to Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (the licensee), for operation of the Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station, located in Coffee County, Kansas.

The proposed amendment would add a new action statement to Technical Specification 3/4.3.2, Table 3.3-3, Functional Unit 7.b., Refueling Water Storage Tank Level—Low-Low Coincident with Safety Injection.

On May 5, 1998, Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC) control room personnel were reviewing the technical specifications associated with the refueling water storage tank (RWST) level, instrumentation and the performance of surveillance procedure, STS IC-201, "Analog Channel Operational Test 7300 Process Instrumentation Protection Set 1 (Red)." During that review, control room personnel identified that when the RWST level channel is taken into the test position, the channel is actually put in a tripped condition. However, the

associated Technical Specification Action Statement (TS 3.3-2, Functional Unit 7.b, Action 16) for an inoperable channel indicates that the inoperable channel must be placed in the bypass condition. There is no time limit allowance for placing an inoperable channel in the bypass condition associated with Action 16. Since this surveillance would render the channel inoperable, and there is no way of performing the surveillance with the channel in the bypass condition, WCNOC personnel determined that a technical specification amendment would be needed to allow the surveillance test to be completed.

The RWST level instrumentation analog channel operational test (STS IC-201) was last performed on February 5, 1998. The surveillance is required by Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 4.3.2.1 to be performed on a quarterly basis. Taking into account the extra 25 percent allowance from Technical Specification 4.0.2, this surveillance would go overdue, rendering the channel inoperable, on May 31, 1998. The first surveillance test (STS IC-202) for an RWST level channel would go overdue on May 29, 1998, and another channel surveillance test (STS IC-203) will go overdue on May 30, 1998. With two channels being inoperable, entry into Technical Specification 3.0.3 would be required, forcing shutdown of Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS). The time between initial discovery of this event (May 5, 1998) and the date when a forced shutdown of WCGS (May 30, 1998) is less than 30 days; therefore, there is not enough time for normal processing of an amendment.

WCNOC believes that, given the circumstances surrounding the discovery of this event and the complexity of the instrumentation function, WCNOC has made a best effort to submit a timely application for this amendment. WCNOC has not delayed any actions in order to create the need for exigency and therefore take advantage of the procedure described in 10 CFR 50.91 for exigent amendments. WCNOC believes that this exigent amendment is unavoidable and meets the criterion of 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) for an exigent request.

The staff finds the licensee acted in a timely manner, the licensee has not abused the exigent provisions and there is not sufficient time to process this amendment request in the routine manner as described in 10 CFR 50.91 without causing an unnecessary plant shutdown.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission