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Type of Meeting: Closed.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate formal proposals submitted to Evaluation 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 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. 50-244]

### Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant); Revocation of Exemption

#### I

The Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-18, which authorizes operation of the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant. The license provides that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of a pressurized-water reactor at the licensee's site located in Wayne County, New York.

#### II

On March 21, 1985, the NRC issued 11 exemptions from the requirements of Section III.G of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50. The first exemption, relevant here, related to the Refueling Water Storage Tank (RWST). The licensee was granted an exemption from the technical requirements of Section III.G.2 in connection with the absence of a required continuous fire-rated barrier between redundant shutdown systems in the Auxiliary Building Fire Areas ABBM and ABI. The RWST extends through the concrete floor/ceiling at elevation 271 feet, which provides the

common boundary between Fire Area ABBM and ABI. An 8-foot concrete block wall partially circles the circumference of the RWST on the upper side of the barrier. At the time the exemption was granted, there was a 6-inch gap around the circumference of the RWST.

#### III

By letter dated January 13, 1998, the licensee informed the NRC that the exemption is no longer required. The licensee indicated that the subject barrier has now been sealed by insertion of a 12 inch minimum depth of kaowool into the 6-inch gap around the circumference of the tank and closure of the gap by a 3/4-inch thick steel plate.

On the basis of the licensee's submittal, the Commission hereby revokes the exemption granted on March 21, 1985, from the technical requirements of Section III.G of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50 with respect to the absence of a continuous fire-rated barrier at the common boundary between Fire Areas ABBM and ABI. The NRC staff did not review the modification that the licensee implemented to eliminate the need for the original exemption. The NRC staff may review the modification and its supporting technical bases during a future on-site inspection.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the revocation of the exemption will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment (63 FR 31534).

This revocation of exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of June 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Texas License L03835]

### ProTechnics International, Inc.—Houston, TX: Field Flood Tracer Study; Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering authorizing ProTechnics International, Inc. (ProTechnics) to conduct a field flood tracer study in an oil reservoir located at the Green Valley Unit, Noble County, Oklahoma near Stillwater, Oklahoma.

## Environmental Assessment

### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action is authorizing ProTechnics to conduct a field flood tracer study using hydrogen-3 in an oil reservoir located at the Green Valley Unit, Noble County, Oklahoma, near the town of Stillwater, Oklahoma. ProTechnics, with offices in Houston, Texas, is authorized by the State of Texas License L03835, to conduct field flood tracer activities in oil and gas reservoirs at temporary jobsites within that State. NRC's regulations in 10 CFR 150.20, "Reciprocity—Recognition of Agreement State Licenses," states, in part, "\* \* \* any person holding a specific license from an Agreement State where the licensee maintains an office for directing the licensed activity \* \* \* is granted a general license to conduct the same activity in \* \* \* Non-Agreement States \* \* \* [provided] the specific Agreement State license [does not] limit the authorized activity to a specific installation or location." Because the Texas license authorizes ProTechnics to use the requested radioisotopes in field flood tracer studies at temporary jobsites, ProTechnics qualifies for the general license. Paragraph (b)(1) of 10 CFR Part 150.20 further states, "\* \* \* [any person] shall \* \* \* before engaging in each activity \* \* \* file an NRC Form-241, "Report of Proposed Activities in Non-Agreement States" \* \* \* "with NRC. ProTechnics met this requirement with a submission dated April 22, 1998.

On January 13, 1997 (62 FR 1662), NRC published a final rule in the **Federal Register** amending 10 CFR 150.20. The amendment, primarily intended to clarify requirements concerning activities conducted at areas of exclusive federal jurisdiction with Agreement States, also revised 10 CFR 150.20(b) to make clear that licensees operating pursuant to the rule must comply with all NRC regulations applicable to materials licensees. 10 CFR Part 51 specifies the environmental protection regulations applicable to NRC's licensing activities and implements section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. Section 51.21 provides that all licensing actions require an environmental assessment except those identified in 10 CFR 51.20 as requiring an environmental impact statement or those identified in 10 CFR 51.22(c) as categorical exclusions. The use of radioactive tracers in field flood studies is not identified in either section. Therefore, an environmental assessment must be prepared. Paragraph 51.60(b)(1)(vi) requires that an applicant