

suspension of liquidation will be refunded or canceled. If, however, the ITC determines that such injury does exist, we will issue a countervailing duty order.

#### Return or Destruction of Proprietary Information

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to Administrative Protective Order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 355.34(d). Failure to comply is a violation of the APO.

This determination is published pursuant to section 705(d) of the Act.

Dated: July 20, 1998.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Institute of Standards and Technology

##### Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a closed meeting of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on Tuesday, August 11, 1998. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to review the stage I process and selection of applicants for the consensus stage of the evaluation. The applications under review contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information submitted to the Government in confidence.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene August 11, 1998, at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 1998. The entire meeting will be closed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administrative Building, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology,

Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on May 22, 1998, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409. The meeting which involves examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Dated: July 23, 1998.

**Robert E. Hebner,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Institute of Standards and Technology

##### Announcement of a Meeting to Discuss an Opportunity To Join a Cooperative Research and Development Consortium on Sprinkler System Performance Prediction

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a meeting on September 1, 1998 to discuss the possibility of setting up a cooperative research consortium on Sprinkler System Performance Prediction. The goal of the consortium is to produce with industrial partners a fire simulation system capable of quantifying the performance of existing and planned fire sprinkler systems in industrial spaces.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on September 1, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. Interested parties should contact NIST to confirm their interest at the address, telephone number or FAX number shown below.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place in Polymers Building (224), Room B245, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dr. Glenn P. Forney, Chemistry Building (222), Room A255, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001. Telephone: 301-975-2313; FAX: 301-975-4052; e-mail: gforney@nist.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any program undertaken will be within the scope and confines of The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment, and facilities but no funds to the cooperative research program. This is not a grant program.

The R&D staff of each industrial partner in the Consortium will be able to interact with NIST researchers to produce with industrial partners a fire simulation system capable of quantifying the performance of existing and planned fire sprinkler systems in industrial spaces. The system consists of a computational firm model, sprinkler hardware measurements, and methods to exchange input data and calculated results to facilitate its use by industry.

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**Robert E. Hebner,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals; Offshore Seismic Activities in the Beaufort Sea

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of withdrawal of an application for an incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** On July 6, 1998, NMFS was notified by BP Exploration (Alaska) (BPXA) that BPXA would not be conducting seismic surveys for oil and gas exploration in the U.S. Beaufort Sea during the 1998 open-water season. As a result, BPXA has requested NMFS to withdraw its application for an incidental harassment authorization under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) and, by this document, NMFS is noting that withdrawal.