

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[Notice 98-157]

**NASA Advisory Council, Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications Advisory Committee, NASA-NIH Advisory Subcommittee; Meeting****AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Life and Microgravity Sciences and Applications Advisory Committee, NASA-NIH Advisory Subcommittee.

**DATES:** Thursday, November 12, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Friday, November 13, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

**ADDRESSES:** National Institutes of Health, 31 Center Drive, Building 31, Conference Room No. 3C05, Bethesda, Maryland, 20892.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Joan Vernikos, Code UL, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-0220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Action Status
- NIH Peer Review Changes
- Report of NASA Ad Hoc Panel to Evaluate Peer Review
- NSBRI Status
- NRC Committee on Space Biology and Medicine Report
- Flight Status (Neurolab, STS-95, and ISS)
- NASA Research Announcement for Biology Based Technology
- Preparation of Committee Findings and Recommendations
- NASA-NIH Program Update
- Review of Committee Findings and Recommendations

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: October 20, 1998.

**Matthew M. Crouch,**  
Advisory Committee Management Officer,  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD****Sunshine Act Meeting Agenda**

**TIME AND DATE:** 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 3, 1998.

**PLACE:** NTSB Board Room, 5th Floor, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, DC 20594.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

6758A—Pipeline Accident Report—Pipeline Rupture and Release of Fuel Oil into the Reedy River at Fork Shoals, South Carolina, June 26, 1996.

7081—Pipeline Accident Summary Report—Pipeline Rupture, Liquid Butane Release, and Fire, Lively, Texas, August 24, 1996.

**NEW MEDIA CONTACT:** Telephone: (202) 314-6100.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rhonda Underwood, (202) 314-6065.

Dated: October 23, 1998.

**Rhonda Underwood,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. STN 50-454, STN 50-455, STN 50-456, and STN 50-457]

**Commonwealth Edison Co.; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) for operation of Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Ogle County, Illinois and Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77, issued to ComEd for operation of Braidwood Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Will County, Illinois.

This notification addresses the beyond scope items identified in the requested amendments dated December 13, 1996. The proposed amendments would revise current Technical Specifications (CTS) of each unit to conform with NUREG-1431, Revision 1, "Standard Technical Specifications—Westinghouse Plants." The beyond scope issues were further supplemented by letters dated October 10, 1997,

February 13, 1998, April 13, 1998, June 2, 1998, July 8, 1998, September 25, 1998, and October 1, 1998. The following descriptions and proposed no significant hazard analyses cover only those beyond scope changes. Associated with each change are administrative/editorial changes such that the new or revised requirements would fit the format of NUREG-1431.

1. CTS Limiting Condition of Operation (LCO) 3.1.3.5 states that "all shutdown rods shall be fully withdrawn" when in MODE 1 and MODE 2 with  $K_{eff}$  greater than or equal to 1.0. ComEd proposes to change the applicability to MODE 1 and MODE 2 with any control bank not fully inserted. The revised requirement will be stated as ITS 3.1.5.

2. CTS 3.1.3.2.a.1 states, "Determine the position of the non-indicating rod(s) indirectly by the movable incore detectors at least once per 8 hours and immediately after any motion of the non-indicating rod which exceeds 24 steps in one direction since the last determination of the rod's position \* \* \*" ComEd proposes to eliminate the requirement for "immediate" determination of rod position. This is an administrative change. The revised requirement will be stated as ITS 3.1.7.

3. CTS Surveillance Requirement (SR) 4.1.2.7.a requires each Boron Dilution Protection System (BDPS) subsystem to be demonstrated OPERABLE at least every 12 hours. One of the requirements to determine OPERABILITY is to "verify that (each subsystem's) associated nuclear instrumentation source range detector is OPERABLE and indicating greater than or equal to 10 counts per second." OPERABILITY of the source range nuclear instruments is accomplished by satisfactorily completing the SR of CTS Table 4.3-1. The surveillance cannot be performed in the higher MODE without utilizing jumpers or lifting leads, which could result in an undesirable reactor transient. Consequently, ComEd proposes to allow the unit to enter the MODEs of applicability from a higher MODE (i.e., entering MODE 3 from MODE 2) without having performed the SR; however, the surveillance must be completed within 4 hours after entering the mode of applicability. This revised requirement will be stated as ITS SR 3.3.9.7.

4. CTS SR 4.2.3.5 requires the determination of reactor coolant system (RCS) total flow rate by a precision heat balance measurement. No time limit is stated for completion of this SR; however, it must be done prior to the completion of PHYSICS TESTS. ComEd