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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; 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 Geosciences (1756).

*Date and Time:* November 23, 1998; 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

*Place:* Room 770, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact person:* Dr. Michael Mayhew, Program Director, Education and Human Resources Program, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1557.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate REU-Sites Panel 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 ten proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### President's Committee on the National Medal of Science; 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:* President's Committee on the National Medal of Science (1182).

*Date and Time:* Monday, December 7, 1998, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Mrs. Susan E. Fannoney, Program Manager, Room 1220, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/306-1096.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the President in the selection of the National Medal of Science recipients.

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

*Reason for Closing:* The nominations being reviewed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences; 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 of the Special Emphasis Panel in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (#1766).

*Date and Time:* December 3-4, 1998; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Room:* 320.

*Contact Person:* Ms. Bonney Sheahan, Division of Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703-306-1733.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Research Experiences for Undergraduates Site proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

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

*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

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### Commonwealth Edison Co.; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment 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.

The proposed amendments present a full conversion from the current Technical Specifications (TS) to TS based on NUREG-1431, Revision 1, "Standard Technical Specifications—Westinghouse Plants," dated April 1995. NUREG-1431 has been developed through working groups composed of both NRC staff members and industry representatives and has been endorsed by the staff as part of an industry-wide initiative to standardize and improve TS. The December 13, 1996, application was supplemented by letters dated February 24, September 2, October 10, October 28 and December 8, 1997 and January 27, January 29, February 6, February 13, February 24, February 26, April 13, April 16, June 1, June 2, July 2, July 8, July 30, July 31, August 11, August 12, September 21, September 25, October 1, October 2, October 5 and October 15, 1998. As part of this submittal, ComEd has applied the criteria contained in the Commission's "Final Policy Statement on Technical Specification Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors (final policy statement)," published in the **Federal Register** on July 22, 1993 (58 FR 39132), to the current Byron and Braidwood TSs and using NUREG-1431 as a basis, developed a proposed set of improved TSs for Byron and Braidwood. The criteria in the final policy statement were subsequently added to 10 CFR 50.36, "Technical Specifications," in a rule change which was published in the **Federal Register** on July 19, 1995 (60 FR 36953) and became effective on August 18, 1995.

The licensee has categorized the proposed changes to the existing TSs into five general groupings. These groupings are characterized as