

11. Consider and act on delegation to the Board Chair of authority to establish a panel and appointment the membership thereof to study and report back to the board on an issue relating to LSC grantees' representation of H-2A Workers.

12. Consider and act on renewal of John McKay's contract of employment as President of the Corporation.

13. Consider and act on President McKay's recommendation of Karen Sarjeant for appointment to the office of Vice President for Programs.

#### Closed Session

14. Briefing<sup>1</sup> by the Inspector General on the activities of the OIG.

15. Consider and act on the General Counsel's report on potential and pending litigation involving the Corporation.

#### Open Session

16. Public comment.

17. Consider and act on other business.

*Contact Person for Information:* Victor M. Fortuno, General Counsel and Secretary of the Corporation, at (202) 336-8810.

#### Special Needs

Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternate formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Shannon Nicko Adaway, at (202) 336-8810.

Dated: November 2, 1998.

**Victor M. Fortuno,**

*General Counsel.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical 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 Civil and Mechanical Systems (1205).

*Date and Time:* November 20, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

<sup>1</sup> Any portion of the closed session consisting solely of staff briefings does not fall within the Sunshine Act's definition of the term "meeting" and, therefore, the requirements of the Sunshine Act do not apply to any such portion of the closed session. 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(1)(2) and (b). See also 45 CFR §§ 1622.2 & 1622.3.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 580, Arlington, VA.

*Contact person:* Dr. Clifford Astill, Program Director, Hazard Reduction Program Cluster, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, Room 545, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd Arlington, VA 22230 703/306-1316.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Siting and Geotechnical Systems 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. 552(b)(4) and (6) of the Government Sunshine Act.

Dated: November 2, 1998.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 30-16055-ML; ASLBP No. 99-756-01-ML]

### Advanced Medical Systems; Designation of Presiding Officer

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717 and 2.1207 of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on requests for hearing and/or petitions to intervene, and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

#### Advanced Medical Systems

[Denial of Materials License]

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 CFR part 2 Subpart L of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding is established as a result of the petitioner, Advanced Medical Systems, requesting

a hearing on October 15, 1998, in response to an NRC letter dated September 28, 1998. The letter informs Advanced Medical Systems that its application for renewal of its license to possess and use nuclear materials has been denied due to a finding of the NRC Staff that it lacked the requisite financial assurance necessary for decommissioning the facility.

The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge B. Paul Cotter, Jr. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR 2.722, the Presiding Officer has appointed Administrative Judge Thomas D. Murphy to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with Judge Cotter and Judge Murphy in accordance with 10 CFR 2.701. Their addresses are: Administrative Judge B. Paul Cotter, Jr., Presiding Officer, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Thomas D. Murphy, Special Assistant, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of October 1998.

**B. Paul Cotter, Jr.,**

*Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Dockets 72-1008 and 72-1014]

### Holtec International; Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact Regarding the Request for Exemption From Certain Regulatory Requirements

By letter dated August 3, 1998, as supplemented on September 4, 1998, Holtec International (Holtec or applicant) requested an exemption, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.234(c). Holtec, located in Marlton, New Jersey, is seeking Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) approval to procure materials for four MPC-68 canisters, four HI-STAR 100 overpacks, four HI-STORM 100 overpacks and one HI-TRAC transfer cask (for use with the HI-STORM 100 system) prior to receipt of Certificates of Compliance (CoCs) for either the HI-STAR or the HI-STORM cask systems.