

Week of January 11—Tentative*Monday, January 11*

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Risk-Informed Initiatives
(Public Meeting)*Tuesday, January 12*

9:00 a.m.

Briefing on Decommissioning Criteria
for West Valley (Public Meeting)*Wednesday, January 13*

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on Reactor Licensing
Initiatives (Public Meeting)

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)
(if needed)*Friday, January 15*

9:00 a.m.

Briefing on Investigative Matters
(Closed—Ex. 5 & 7)

10:00 a.m.

Briefing by Executive Branch
(Closed—Ex. 1)

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292.

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Dated: December 18, 1998.

William M. Hill, Jr.,*SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-440 License No. NPF-58]

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, et al.; Receipt of Petition for Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by Petition dated November 9, 1998, David A. Lochbaum (Petitioner), acting on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), has requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take action with regard to the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1 (PNPP), operated by The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and Centerior Service Company. Petitioner requests that enforcement action be taken to require an immediate shutdown of the PNPP, and that the facility remain shut down until all failed fuel assemblies are removed from the reactor core. As an alternate action, UCS also stated that following the requested shutdown, PNPP could be restarted after its design and licensing bases were updated to permit operation with failed fuel assemblies. Additionally, the Petition requested a public hearing to present new plant-specific information regarding the operation of PNPP, as well as to discuss a UCS report dated April 2, 1998, entitled "Potential Nuclear Safety Hazard/Reactor Operation With Failed Fuel Cladding."

As the basis for the request, the Petitioner cited the NRC's Weekly Information Report for the week ending October 30, 1998, that describes the apparent existence of two pin hole fuel leaks at the Perry facility. In the opinion of the Petitioner, operation with one or more failed fuel assemblies is not permitted by the Perry design and licensing bases. In addition, the Petitioner stated that by operating with possible failed fuel cladding, PNPP is violating its licensing basis for the radiation worker protection (as low as reasonably achievable [ALARA]) program. The Petitioner referred to NRC Information Notice No. 87-39, "Control of Hot Particle Contamination at Nuclear Plants," which describes how continued operation with degraded fuel may elevate radiation exposure rates for plant employees.

The Petitioner further reasserted the UCS position that nuclear power plants operating with fuel cladding failures are potentially unsafe and are in violation of Federal regulations. In its April 1998 report, the UCS stated that it has not been demonstrated that the effects from design-bases transients and accidents (i.e., hydrodynamic loads, fuel enthalpy

changes, etc.) prevent pre-existing fuel failures from propagating. Therefore, the Petitioner concluded that it was possible that "significantly more radioactive material will be released to the reactor coolant system during a transient or accident than that experienced during steady state operation."

The request is being treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. The request has been referred to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. As provided by Section 2.206, appropriate action will be taken on this petition within a reasonable time. By letter dated December 16th, 1998, the Director denied Petitioner's request for enforcement action to require The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company to immediately shut down PNPP. In addition, the Director also extended an offer to the Petitioner for an informal public hearing at a date to be determined. A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,*Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Open Committee Meetings**

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—

Thursday, January 14, 1999
Thursday, January 28, 1999
Thursday, February 11, 1999
Thursday, February 25, 1999

The meetings will start at 10:00 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A06A, Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the