

Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Advisory Panel for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (1171).

Date and time: March 11 and 12, 1999—8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m. each day.

Place: Rm. 970, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of meeting: Closed.

Contact person: Dr. Stuart Plattner, Cluster Coordinator for Anthropological and Geographic Sciences Cluster, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1758.

Purpose of meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including program evaluation, GPRA assessments, and access to privileged materials.

Agenda

Closed: March 11 and 12 from 8:00–5:00 each day—To review the merit review processes covering funding decisions made during the immediately preceding three fiscal years for the Anthropological and Geographic Sciences Cluster.

Reason for closing: During the closed session, the Committee will be reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they are disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

Dated: February 17, 1999.

Linda Allen-Benton,

Acting Director, Division of Human Resource Management.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Revision (OMB Clearance No. 3150-0101).

2. The title of the information collection: Amended Final Rule—Requirements for Initial Operator Licensing Examinations.

3. The form number if applicable: Not applicable.

4. How often the collection is required: No additional information submittals are required. Each facility that elects to prepare its own licensing examinations will be required to establish (a one-time activity) and periodically maintain (approximately biennially) procedures to control examination security.

5. Who will be required or asked to report: Power reactor facility licensees.

6. An estimate of the number of responses: 66.

7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 33.

8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 5,800 during the first year and 660 hours per year thereafter (2,373 hours annualized over 3 years).

9. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: Not applicable.

10. Abstract: NRC is amending its previously published (62 FR 42426) proposed rule, 10 CFR 55, "Initial Licensed Operator Examination Requirements," to add additional information collection requirements and is publishing the revised document as a final rule. The new information collection requirements will require power reactor facility licensees to establish, implement, and maintain procedures to control examination security and integrity if they elect to prepare their own licensing examinations.

Submit, by (insert date 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**), comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance packages are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by March 25, 1999.

Erik Godwin,

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0101), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of February 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on March 10-13, 1999, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64105).

Wednesday, March 10, 1999

8:30 A.M.–8:45 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:45 A.M.–10:15 A.M.: Commission Paper on 10 CFR 50.59 (Changes, Tests and Experiments) (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the Commission Paper on the summary of public comments and staff recommendations for revising 10 CFR 50.59.

10:30 A.M.–12:00 Noon: Westinghouse Best-Estimate Large-Break LOCA Methodology (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the Westinghouse Electric Company and the NRC staff regarding the application of the Westinghouse best-estimate large-break LOCA methodology to upper plenum injection plants.

[**Note:** A portion of this session may be closed to discuss Westinghouse Electric Company proprietary information.]

1:00 P.M.–4:15 P.M.: Phase 1 Standard for PRA Quality (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Task Force and the NRC staff regarding the Phase 1 Standard, developed by the ASME Task Force, for PRA quality as well as industry programs for certifying PRAs.

4:30 P.M.–7:15 P.M.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports, including those on NRC Safety Research Program, Core Research Capabilities, Lessons Learned from the Review of the AP600 Design, and Role of Frequency-Consequence Curves in Risk-Informed Decisionmaking.

Thursday, March 11, 1999

8:30 A.M.–8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 A.M.–10:00 A.M.: Event Reporting Requirements Rule (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the rule for event reporting requirements.

10:15 A.M.–11:45 A.M.: Reevaluation of the Generic Safety Issue Process (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the results of the reevaluation of the Generic Safety Issue process.

1:00 P.M.–2:30 P.M.: Fuel Burnup Extension Licensing Framework/NRC Participation in the CABRI Reactor Fuels Research Program (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed use of a systematic process, such as Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table (PIRT) for fuel burnup extensions, and the status of the NRC participation in the CABRI reactor fuels research program.

2:45 P.M.–7:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

Friday, March 12, 1999

8:30 A.M.–8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 A.M.–10:00 A.M.: Guidance for Implementing the Revised Enforcement

Policy (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding guidance for implementing the revised Enforcement Policy, as well as the staff's plans to make the Enforcement Policy risk informed.

10:15 A.M.–11:45 A.M.: Safety Evaluation Report on the Topical Report Regarding Tritium Production Core (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Department of Energy (DOE) regarding the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report on the Topical Report associated with the tritium production core, which describes how the inclusion of a significant number of tritium-producing-burnable absorber rods affects the performance of nuclear plant systems and components for a representative commercial light-water reactor.

11:45 A.M.–12:00 Noon: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters. The EDO responses are expected to be provided to the ACRS prior to the meeting.

1:00 P.M.–1:30 P.M.: Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, and organizational and personnel matters relating to the ACRS.

[**Note:** A portion of this session may be closed to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.]

1:30 P.M.–2:00 P.M.: Future ACRS Activities (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings.

2:00 P.M.–7:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

Saturday, March 13, 1999

8:30 A.M.–3:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

3:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M.: Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will discuss

matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 1998 (63 FR 51968). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch, at least five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman.

Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) P.L. 92-463, I have determined that it is necessary to close portions of this meeting noted above to discuss Westinghouse Electric Company proprietary information per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), and to discuss information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch (telephone 301/415-7364), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., EST.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or viewing on

the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301-415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. EST at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Meeting Date Change

The July 1999 ACRS meeting previously scheduled for July 7-9, 1999, has been changed to July 14-16, 1999.

Dated: February 17, 1999.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-315 and 50-316]

Indiana Michigan Power Company, Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Issuance of Director's Decision Under 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has issued a Director's Decision with regard to a Petition dated October 9, 1997, and an Addendum to the Petition dated January 12, 1998, filed by Mr. David Lochbaum on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists, hereafter referred to as the "Petitioner." The Petition pertains to the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (D. C. Cook).

The Petitioner requested that the operating licenses for D. C. Cook be modified, revoked, or suspended to prevent operation of the units until there is reasonable assurance that significant non-compliances have been identified and corrected so that systems are in conformance with their design-basis and licensing-basis requirements. The Petition also requested that a public hearing into this matter be held in the Washington, D.C. area before the first unit at D. C. Cook is authorized to restart. As the basis for these requests, the Petitioner stated that the NRC completed an architect/engineering (AE)

design inspection at D. C. Cook (NRC Inspection Report (IR) No. 50-315, 50-316/97201) on November 26, 1997. Findings by the NRC during the AE inspection led to the Licensee having to declare the emergency core cooling system (ECCS) inoperable at both units at D. C. Cook. As a result, the Licensee shut down both units in accordance with its Technical Specifications (TS). The systems reviewed during the AE inspection were the same systems that the Licensee had previously reviewed as part of its design-basis documentation reconstitution program, and the program did not identify any deficiencies concerning system operability. Therefore, the Petitioner asserted that the Licensee's design-basis documentation reconstitution programs lacked the necessary rigor and focus to identify potential design-related operability issues. The Petitioner further asserted that deficiencies in the Licensee's design control programs may also be responsible for similar issues in safety systems that have not been examined by the NRC. On the basis of this potential, the Petitioner also requested that the NRC increase the inspection scope at D. C. Cook. By letter dated January 12, 1998, the Petitioner issued an Addendum to the Petition.

The following six specific concerns were raised in the Addendum:

- (1) ice condenser concerns.
- (2) 10 CFR 50.59 Safety Evaluation process.
- (3) engineering calculations.
- (4) net positive suction head (NPSH) calculations.
- (5) licensee's response to the CAL.
- (6) NRC inspection process.

The Addendum also raised concerns about the 10 CFR 2.206 process, the NRC inspection process, and generic concerns with ice condenser containments. On February 23, 1998, the NRC acknowledged receipt of the additional information and informed the Petitioner that all specific concerns related to the D. C. Cook plant and the Petition would be considered in the Director's Decision. Further, the NRC informed the Petitioner that the concerns not directly applicable to the request in the Petition would be evaluated and transmitted to the Petitioner in separate correspondence. By letters dated July 10 and December 28, 1998, the NRC sent the Petitioner the status of the review of these issues.

On August 19, 1998, an informal public hearing was held at the NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. Both the Petitioner and the Licensee made presentations during the hearing. The hearing gave the Petitioner an

opportunity to clarify the issues raised in the Petition and the Addendum.

The Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has determined that the request to prevent operation of the units at D. C. Cook until there is reasonable assurance that significant non-compliances have been identified and corrected so that systems are in conformance with their design-basis and licensing-basis requirements has been satisfied. The regulatory oversight actions being taken by the NRC will provide reasonable assurance that systems at D. C. Cook will be in conformance with their design bases and licensing bases, thus meeting the request made in the Petition and eliminates the need to modify, suspend or revoke the licenses at D. C. Cook. The reasons for this decision are explained in the Director's Decision Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 (DD-99-03), the complete text of which follows this notice and is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, D. C., and at the local public document room located at Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, 500 Market Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

A copy of the Director's Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. As provided for by this regulation, the Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of issuance, unless the Commission on its own motion institutes a review of the Decision in that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of February 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

[DD-99-03]

Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

I. Introduction

On October 9, 1997, Mr. David A. Lochbaum submitted a Petition to the Executive Director for Operations of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) pursuant to Section 2.206 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR 2.206). The Petition was submitted on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS or Petitioner) and requested that the operating licenses for the Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (D. C. Cook) be modified, revoked, or suspended to prevent operation of the units until there is reasonable assurance that significant non-compliances have been