

persons regarding this review. Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Noel F. Dudley (telephone 301/415-6888) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: March 1, 1999.

**Sam Duraiswamy,**

*Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on March 23, 1999, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Portions of this meeting may be closed to public attendance to discuss Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) proprietary information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Tuesday, March 23, 1999—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business*

The Subcommittee will continue its review of the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) RETRAN-3D thermal-hydraulic transient code. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman. Written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the

meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of EPRI, NRC staff, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the scheduling of sessions which are open to the public, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Paul A. Boehmert (telephone 301/415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

**Sam Duraiswamy,**

*Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Self-Shielded Irradiator Licenses, Dated October 1998

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of NUREG-1556, Volume 5, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Self-Shielded Irradiator Licenses," dated October 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of NUREG-1556, Vol. 5, may be obtained by writing to the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20402-9328. Copies are also available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161. Additionally, a copy of the document is also available for

inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone: (301) 415-7874; electronic mail address: slm2@nrc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 23, 1997 (62 FR 67100), NRC announced the availability of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 5, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance about Self-Shielded Irradiator Licenses," dated October 1997, and requested comments on it. This draft NUREG report was the fifth program-specific guidance developed to support an improved materials licensing process. The staff considered all the comments, including constructive suggestions to improve the document, in the preparation of the final NUREG report.

The final version of NUREG-1556, Volume 5, is now available for use by applicants, licensees, NRC license reviewers, and other NRC staff. It supersedes the guidance for applicants and licensees previously found in Regulatory Guide 10.9, "Guide for the Preparation of Applications for Licenses for the Use of Self-Contained Dry Source-Storage Gamma Irradiators," dated December 1988, and the guidance for licensing staff previously found in Policy and Guidance Directive, FC 84-16, Revision 1, "Standard Review Plan for Applications for Use of Self-Contained Dry Source-Storage Gamma Irradiators," dated January 26, 1989. In addition, this report also contains information found in pertinent Technical Assistance Requests and Information Notices. NRC staff will use this final report in reviewing these applications.

### Electronic Access

NUREG-1556, Volume 5, is available electronically by visiting NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov>) and choosing "Nuclear Materials," and then "NUREG-1556, Volume 5."

### Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

In accordance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Act of 1996, NRC has determined that this action is not a major rule and has verified this determination with the Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of February, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Patricia K. Holahan,**

*Acting Chief, Rulemaking and Guidance Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical, Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

**Science and Technology Laboratory Personnel Management Demonstration Project, Department of the Army: the Aviation Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AVRDEC).**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice to make a technical correction to the AVRDEC **Federal Register** notice, Part V, Volume 62, Number 124, published on June 27, 1997, specifically, the definition of competitive area.

**SUMMARY:** 5 U.S.C. 4703 authorizes the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to conduct demonstration projects that experiment with new and different personnel management concepts to determine whether such changes in personnel policy or procedures would result in improved Federal personnel management.

Public Law 103-337, October 5, 1994, permits the Department of Defense (DoD), with the approval of OPM, to carry out personnel demonstration projects at DoD Science and Technology (S&T) Reinvention Laboratories. This notice makes a technical correction to the AVRDEC Personnel Management Demonstration Project.

**DATES:** This demonstration project may be implemented at the U.S. Army Aviation Research Development, and Engineering Center beginning on March 8, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** AVRDEC: Mr. David E. Knepper, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Attn: AMSAM-AR-ZS, Building 5681, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898-5000, phone 256-313-4895. OPM: Ms. Joan Jorgenson, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street N.W., Room 7460, Washington, DC 20415, phone 202-606-1315.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### 1. Background

OPM has approved Science and Technology Laboratory Personnel Management Demonstration Projects and published the AVRDEC final plan in the **Federal Register** on Friday, June 27, 1997, Volume 62, Number 124, Part V. The AVRDEC demonstration project involved simplified job classification, paybanding, performance-based compensation systems, employee development provisions, and modified reduction-in-force procedures.

### 2. Overview

The Aviation Research, Development, and Engineering Center published its final project plan on June 27, 1997. The final plan incorporated changes made as a result of specific comments received from individuals during the public comment period. The comments were addressed in the final publication of the **Federal Register**. Any resulting changes to the plan were incorporated into that same document.

One commentator stated that the initial plan appeared to limit competitive areas to occupational families in all geographic areas. The commentator was concerned that the reduced number of employees in a particular occupational family would result in smaller competitive levels and lead to more separations from that occupational family if reduction-in-force (RIF) occurred in AVRDEC. Project managers agreed with the commentator and replied that a change would be made to Section III, Paragraph F: Revised Reduction-in-Force (RIF) Procedures, introductory paragraph, to clarify the meaning of the subsequent paragraph, Competitive Areas. This paragraph stated that positions included in the demonstration project at a specific geographic location will be considered a separate competitive area. Because of an oversight, however, the plan was published without making the correction.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Office of Personnel Management.

**Janice R. Lachance,**  
*Director.*

### I. Executive Summary

The Department of the Army established the AVRDEC Personnel Management Demonstration Project to be generally similar to the system in use at the Navy Personnel Demonstration Project known as China Lake. The project was built upon the concepts of linking performance to pay for all covered positions, simplified paperwork in the processing of classification, revised its reduction-in-force

procedures and proposed other innovative interventions; emphasizing partnerships among management, employees, and unions, and delegating other authorities to line managers.

### II. Introduction

#### *Purpose*

The purpose of this notice is to make a technical correction to the definition of competitive area. The correction is hereby made to the **Federal Register**, Part V, Science and Technology Reinvention Laboratory Personnel Demonstration Project at the Aviation Research, Development, and Engineering Center (AVRDEC); Notice, Volume 62, Number 124, Friday, June 27, 1997; page 34920, column one, under F. Revised Reduction-in-Force (RIF) Procedures, Introduction. Lines 1-12 are corrected to read:

Modifications include limiting competitive area, as defined below, and increasing the emphasis on performance in the RIF process. Retention criteria are in the following order: tenure, veterans' preference, service credit adjusted by a sum of the last three performance ratings. Current reduction-in-force regulations/procedures have been adjusted in the context of the occupational family and the payband classification system.

All other provisions of the approved AVRDEC Personnel Management Demonstration Project will apply. Employee notification will be made by delivery of copies of the amendment to union officials, to AVRDEC employees included in the project, and by posting on the Internet.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of March 8, 1999.

A closed meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, 1999, at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the closed meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), (8), (9)(A) and (10)