

quantities are carcass-weight-equivalents);

(2) That the President, within the overall quantitative restriction, provide separate allocations for Australia, New Zealand, and "all other" countries in proportion to their average share of imports entered during calendar years 1995-1997;

(3) That the President take all action necessary to ensure that the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center is fully operational as soon as possible, and that the President make available either through the Center or directly to the industry the full measure of Federal assistance programs, including those administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(4) Having made negative findings with respect to imports of lamb meat from Canada and Mexico under section 311(a) of the NAFTA Implementation Act, that such imports be excluded from the quota; and

(5) That the quota not apply to imports of lamb meat from Israel, or to any imports of lamb meat entered duty-free from beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act or the Andean Trade Preference Act.

The Commissioners find that the respective actions that they have recommended will address the threat of serious injury found to exist and be most effective in facilitating the efforts of the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition.

Background

Following receipt of a petition filed on October 7, 1998, on behalf of the American Sheep Industry Association, Inc., Harper Livestock Company, National Lamb Feeders Association, Winters Ranch Partnership, Godby Sheep Company, Talbott Sheep Company, Iowa Lamb Corporation, Ranchers' Lamb of Texas, Inc., and Chicago Lamb and Veal Company, the Commission, effective October 7, 1998, instituted investigation No. TA-201-68, Lamb Meat, under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 to determine whether lamb meat is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article.

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation and of the scheduling of public hearings to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC,

and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of October 23, 1998 (63 F.R. 56940). The hearing in connection with the injury phase of the investigation was held on January 12, 1999, and the hearing on the question of remedy was held on February 25, 1999. Both hearings were held in Washington, DC; all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the President on April 5, 1999. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3176 (April 1999), entitled Lamb Meat: Investigation No. TA-201-68.

Issued: April 7, 1999.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

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National Institute of Justice Announcement of the Fifth Meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs,
National Institute of Justice, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the fifth meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fifth meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence will take place beginning on Thursday, May 6, 1999, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mountain Daylight Time and will continue on Friday, May 7, 1999, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Mountain Daylight Time. The meeting will take place at the Hilton of Santa Fe, 100 Sandoval Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, Phone: 505-988-2811.

The National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, established pursuant to section 3(2)A of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, will meet to carry out its advisory functions under Sections 201-202 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended. This meeting will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Christopher H. Asplen, AUSA,
Executive Director (202) 616-8123.

Authority: This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, §§ 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The purpose of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence is to provide the Attorney General with recommendations on the use of current and future DNA methods, applications and technologies in the operation of the criminal justice system, from the Crime scene to the courtroom. Over the course of its Charter, the Commission will review critical policy issues regarding DNA evidence and provide recommended courses of action to improve its use as a tool of investigation and adjudication in criminal cases.

The Commission will address issues in five specific areas: (1) The use of DNA in postconviction relief cases, (2) legal concerns including *Daubert* challenges and the scope of discovery in DNA cases, (3) criteria for training and technical assistance for criminal justice professionals involved in the identification, collection and preservation of DNA evidence at the crime scene, (4) essential laboratory capabilities in the face of emerging technologies, and (5) the impact of future technological developments in the use of DNA in the criminal justice system. Each topic will be the focus of the in-depth analysis by separate working groups comprised of prominent professionals who will report back to the Commission.

Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

NSF2000 Steering Committee: Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

NAME: NSF 50th Anniversary Public Advisory Committee Meeting (#5213).

DATE AND TIME: May 12, 1999, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

PLACE: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1235, Arlington, VA 22230.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

CONTACT PERSONS: William Line, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1245, Arlington, VA 22230—, (703) 306-1070.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To provide advice for the National Science Foundation's 50th Anniversary celebration.

Agenda: Wednesday, May 12, 1999

1. Introductory Remarks and Welcome New Committee Members
2. Dr. Rita Colwell, remarks, Q's & A's
3. Report on NSF 50th anniversary
4. Internal Public Advisory Committee business
5. Other business

Dated: April 8, 1999.

Julia A. Moore,

Director, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-440]

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted a request by the FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) to withdraw its April 9, 1997, application for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-58 for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1, located in Lake County, Ohio. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 1997 (62 FR 27794).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications to extend the existing surveillance interval for performing the Channel Functional Tests for the refueling equipment interlocks and for the one-rod-out interlock.

Subsequently, by letter dated March 10, 1999, the licensee informed the staff that the amendment was being withdrawn and would be resubmitted in the future based on an approved Standard Technical Specification Change Traveler, Number TSTF-225. Thus, the amendment application is considered to be withdrawn by the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated April 9, 1997, and the licensee's withdrawal letter dated March 10, 1999. These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street,

NW., Washington, DC and at the local public document room located at the Perry Public Library, 3753 Main Street, Perry, OH 44081.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th Day of April 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Anthony J. Mendiola,

Chief, Section 2, Project Directorate III, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Service Electric and Gas Company; Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Exemption

[Docket Nos. 50-272 and 50-311]

I

Public Service Electric and Gas Company (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-70 and DPR-75 for the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, respectively. The license provides, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

This facility consists of two pressurized water reactors located in Salem County, New Jersey.

II

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), section 50.71, "Maintenance of records, making of reports," paragraph (e)(4) states, in part, that "Subsequent revisions [to the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR)] must be filed annually or 6 months after each refueling outage provided the interval between successive updates [to the UFSAR] does not exceed 24 months." The two units at the Salem plant share a common UFSAR, therefore, this rule requires the licensee to update the same document annually or within 6 months after each unit's refueling outage (approximately every 9 months).

III

Section 50.12(a) of 10 CFR, "Specific exemptions," states that:

The Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of the regulations of this part, which are—(1) Authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security. (2) The Commission will not consider granting an

exemption unless special circumstances are present.

Section 50.12(a)(2)(ii) of 10 CFR states that special circumstances are present when "Application of the regulation in the particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. * * *" The licensee has proposed updating the unified Salem UFSAR 6 months after each Unit 1 refueling outage, provided the interval between successive updates does not exceed 24 months. The underlying purpose of the rule was to relieve licensees of the burden of filing annual UFSAR revisions while assuring that such revisions are made at least every 24 months. The Commission reduced the burden, in part, by permitting a licensee to submit its UFSAR revisions 6 months after refueling outages for its facility, but did not provide in the rule for multiple unit facilities sharing a common UFSAR. Rather, the Commission stated that "With respect to * * * multiple facilities sharing a common UFSAR, licensees will have maximum flexibility for scheduling updates on a case-by-case basis" (57 FR 39355 (1992)).

The Salem units are on an 18-month fuel cycle. As noted in the NRC Staff's Safety Evaluation, the licensee's proposed schedule for the Salem UFSAR updates will ensure that the UFSAR will be maintained current for both units within 24 months of the last revision. The proposed schedule satisfies the maximum 24-month interval between UFSAR revisions specified by 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4). The requirement to revise the UFSAR annually or within 6 months after refueling outages for each unit, therefore, is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. Accordingly, the Commission has determined that special circumstances are present as defined in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii). The Commission has further determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety and is consistent with the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest.

The Commission hereby grants the licensee an exemption from the requirement of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) to submit updates to the Salem UFSAR annually or within 6 months of each unit's refueling outage. The licensee will be required to submit updates to the Salem UFSAR within 6 months after each Salem Unit 1 refueling outage, not