

4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and October 20, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. To review and evaluate Integrative Plant Biology 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. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; 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 Polar Programs (1209).

*Date and Time:* October 20, 1999; 6 pm-10pm, October 21, 1999; 8 am-6pm; October 22, 1999; 9 am-5 pm.

*Place:* University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E. 59th Street, Chicago, IL.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Dennis Peacock, Section Head, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1033.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for the Center for Astrophysical Research in the Antarctic, Science and Technology Center, University of Chicago.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate progress so far and provide advice and recommendations on plans for the future.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposal being reviewed includes 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. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Research Evaluation and Communication; Notice of Meeting

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

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Research Evaluation and Communication (CAREER) (1210).

*Date/Time:* October 28, 1999, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., October 29, 1999, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., November 1, 1999, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., November 2, 1999, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Room 130, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Elizabeth VanderPutten, Program Director, Research Evaluation and Communications Division, National Science Foundation, Room 855, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306-1650.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate CAREER 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. 552b. (c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. STN 50-528, STN 50-529, and STN 50-530]

### Arizona Public Service Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is

considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-41, NPF-51, and NPF-74 issued to Arizona Public Service Company for operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Units 1, 2, and 3 located in Maricopa County, Arizona.

The proposed amendments would revise Technical Specification (TS) 3.7.15, "Fuel Storage Pool Boron Concentration," TS 3.7.17, "Spent Fuel Assembly Storage," and TS 4.3.1, "Criticality," to increase spent fuel pool storage capacity by crediting soluble boron and decay time in the safety analysis for the spent fuel pool storage racks. The proposed amendments would also increase the maximum radially averaged fuel enrichment from 4.3 weight percent to 4.8 weight percent.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendments, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendments would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

Standard 1. Does the proposed change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

No. Analyses to support the proposed amendment have been developed using conservative methodology. An analysis and review of relevant plant operations shows that there is no significant increase in the probability of an accident previously evaluated. The analysis of the potential events and of the increase in fuel enrichment discussed below also show that there is no significant increase in the consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The fuel handling accident described in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) section 15.7.4, "Radiological Consequences of Fuel Handling Accidents" was reviewed for this proposed amendment. The fuel handling accident that is of concern in the UFSAR is the dropping of a single fuel assembly during fuel handling. Changing the fuel assembly storage array and burnup versus enrichment criteria, crediting soluble boron in the spent fuel pool, and increasing