

a short presentation by representatives of G.E. Vallecitos on site history and current operations. This will be followed by presentations by NRC representatives on the licensing and inspection programs covering the various activities authorized by the NRC licenses issued to G.E. Vallecitos. This will include a discussion on the safety aspects of the periodic shipments of irradiated nuclear fuel to the G.E. Vallecitos facility. After the presentations, members of the public will have an opportunity to ask questions.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of October 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATES:** Weeks of October 4, 11, 18, and 25, 1999.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### *Week of October 4*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of October 4.

#### *Week of October 11—Tentative*

Thursday, October 14

11:30 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

#### *Week of October 18—Tentative*

Wednesday, October 20

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPO) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Paul Lohaus, 301-415-3340)

Thursday, October 21

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Part 35—Rule on Medical Use of Byproduct Material (Public Meeting) (Contact: Cathy Haney, 301-415-6825) (SECY-99-201, *Draft Final Rule—10 CFR Part 35, Medical Use of Byproduct Material*, is available in the NRC Public Document Room or on NRC web site at: "www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/SECYS/index.html" Download the *zipped version* to obtain all attachments.)

#### *Week of October 25—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of October 25.

**Note:** The schedule for commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** By a vote of 4-0 on September 24, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co., et al. (Beaver Valley Power Station, Units 1 and 2), Docket Nos. 50-334-LT And 50-412-LT Local 29's Petition to Waive Time Limits in 10 CFR 2.1305 and Supplemental Comments" (PUBLIC MEETING) be held on September 24, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to [wmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

Dated: October 1, 1999.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Revision of Management Directive for Review of 10 CFR 2.206 Petitions; Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NRC Management Directive (MD) 8.11 describes the NRC review process for 10 CFR 2.206 petitions. The most recent phase of a continuing effort to improve the review process has resulted in a revision to MD 8.11, issued on July 1, 1999.

The process improvements were identified and developed on the basis of feedback from a limited stakeholder survey that was conducted in January 1999, as well as from NRC staff experience with the existing process. Many stakeholder comments and suggestions were addressed in the MD 8.11 revision. Other issues, such as the need for an appeal process, are under consideration by the staff.

The significant changes included in the revised MD 8.11 are as follows:

1. The informal public hearing process has been replaced with a simpler and more interactive staff-petitioner-licensee meeting, similar in format to staff-licensee meetings.
2. Petitioners are offered an opportunity to make a presentation to the petition review board (PRB) for the purposes of explaining the requested actions and their bases and answering staff questions.
3. Periodic PRB meetings will be held, in addition to the initial meeting, to provide additional management oversight, if appropriate.
4. The revised process requires significantly improved communications between the petition manager and the petitioner early on and throughout the process. For example, in the initial contact, the petition manager explains the process and identifies the cognizant staff groups that will be involved in considering the petition. During the periodic contacts, the petition manager is prepared to discuss the status and schedule of the review and to respond to the petitioner's questions. Prior to issuance of the acknowledgment letter and director's decision, the petition manager informs the petitioner of the imminent issuance and the substance of these documents.

5. Petitioners are added to the service lists on affected dockets.

6. Acknowledgment letters and director's decisions transmittal letters stress the actions the NRC staff has taken to address the petitioner's concerns, even when the petition is denied.

7. Up-to-date staff timeliness performance metrics are included in the 2.206 petition monthly staff reports prepared for the Executive Director for Operations.