

shipments, and the likely consequences and severity of the accidents. About 1300 shipments of spent nuclear fuel have been made in NRC-certified packages, with an exceptional safety record of no releases from accidents. Despite the previous studies and safety record, some stakeholders may have questions or concerns regarding spent nuclear fuel transport package safety. Several groups have criticized NRC's cask standards and the modal study as being insufficient to adequately demonstrate safety during severe transportation accidents.

The objective of the public meetings is to bring together representatives of the interests affected by the study to discuss their views on the issues in a "roundtable" format. In order to have a manageable discussion, the number of participants around the table will, of necessity, be limited. The Commission, through the facilitator for the meeting, will attempt to ensure participation by the broad spectrum of interests at the meetings, including citizen and environmental groups, nuclear industry interests, state, tribal, and local governments, experts from academia, or other agencies. Other members of the public are welcome to attend, and the public will have the opportunity to comment on each of the agenda items slated for discussion by the roundtable participants. Questions about participation may be directed to the facilitator, Francis X. Cameron.

The meetings will have a pre-defined scope and agenda focused on the major technical issues in regard to spent nuclear fuel cask performance during transportation accidents. However, the meeting format will be sufficiently flexible to allow for the introduction of additional related issues that the participants may wish to raise. The purpose of the meetings is to hear the views of the participants on the issues and options to resolve the issues for the forthcoming study. The agenda for the meetings is set forth below.

#### Agenda

##### Introductions and Welcome

E. William Brach, Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, NRC  
 Susan F. Shankman, Deputy Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, NRC  
 Ground Rules, Agenda Overview, Introduction of Participants  
 Francis X. Cameron, Facilitator  
 Overview of NRC Studies on Transportation Risk  
 NRC Staff  
 NRC Plans for the Modal Study Update  
 Robert Lewis, NRC  
 General Overview of the Study Updates  
 Sandia National Laboratories

#### Discussion of Issues

##### Participants and Audience Summary and Closing Remarks

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of October, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Susan F. Shankman,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

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

**DATE:** Weeks of October 18, 25, November 1, and 8, 1999.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### *Week of October 18*

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 (CRCPD) (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.

#### *Week of November 1—Tentative*

Thursday, November 4

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

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

#### *Week of November 8—Tentative*

Tuesday, November 9

9:00 a.m. Meeting on NRC Interactions with Stakeholders on Nuclear Materials and Waste Activities (Public Meeting)

Wednesday, November 10

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

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Draft Maintenance Regulatory Guide (Public Meeting) (Contact: Richard Correia, 301-415-1009)

\* 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.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

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Dated: October 15, 1999.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

#### I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section