

function effectively and achieve the greatest possible opportunity in their work and in their lives and to strengthen and coordinate adult literacy programs.

In designing the National Literacy Act, among the primary concerns shared by the Congress and literacy stakeholders was the fragmentation and lack of coordination among the many efforts in the field. To address these concerns, the National Literacy Act created the National Institute for Literacy to:

(A) provide a national focal point for research, technical assistance, and research dissemination, policy analysis and program evaluation in the area of literacy; and

(B) facilitate a pooling of ideas and expertise across fragmented programs and research efforts.

Among the Institute's authorized activities is the awarding of fellowships to outstanding individuals who are pursuing careers in adult education or literacy in the areas of instruction, management, research, or innovation. These fellowships are to be awarded for activities that advance the field of adult education and literacy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive an application package, contact EDPubs, P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794, 1-800-228-8813, TTY/TTD 1-877-576-7734, email: edpubs@inet.ed.gov. Substantive questions regarding proposal content can be obtained from: Jennifer Cromley, National Institute for Literacy, 1775 I Street, NW, Suite 730, Washington, DC 20006-2417. Telephone: 202/233-2053, Fax: 202/233-2051. E-mail: jcromley@nifl.gov. The entire application package and information about the Literacy Leader Fellowship program is also available on-line (including all of the required forms) at <http://www.nifl.gov/activities/fllwhome.htm>.

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NATIONAL SKILL STANDARDS BOARD

Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: National Skill Standards Board.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Skill Standards Board was established by an Act of Congress, the National Skill Standards Act, Title V, Public Law 103-227. The 23-member National Skill Standards Board will serve as a catalyst and be responsible for the development and implementation of a voluntary national system of skill standards and certification through voluntary partnerships which have the full and balanced participation of business, labor, education, civil rights organizations and other key groups.

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 12 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2000, at the Isle of Capri Crowne Plaza Resort, 151 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530, (228 435-5400).

AGENDA: The agenda for the Board Meeting will include: an update from the Board's committees; presentation from representatives of the Sales & Service Voluntary Partnership (SSVP), Education and Training (E&T) and Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC).

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., is open to the public. Seating is limited and will be available, on a first-come, first-served basis. Seats will be reserved for the media. Individuals with disabilities should contact Leslie Donaldson at (202) 254-8628, if special accommodations are needed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Wilcox, Executive Deputy Director at (202) 254-8628.

Dated: Signed at Washington, D.C. 29th day of February, 2000.

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Executive Director, National Skill Standards Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-317]

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment To Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-53 issued to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE or the licensee) for operation of the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1 located in Calvert County, Maryland.

The proposed amendment would approve an issue involving the Societe Alsacienne Construction Mechaniques Del Melhouse (SACM) diesel generator (DG) that constitutes an unreviewed safety question. Specifically, a new failure mode has been identified for DG 1A (SACM) that is not adequately described in the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report. The manufacturer has indicated that operating the engine in a light load condition may degrade engine performance and ultimately result in engine failure.

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company has determined that acceptance of the new failure mode constitutes an unreviewed safety question. BGE requests approval through an amendment to their operating license that concludes that the new failure mode is acceptable on the basis that BGE will assure on every shift that safety-related loads are sufficiently available to DG 1A to ensure that minimum load requirement is met. Otherwise, DG 1A will be declared inoperable.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, 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