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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 the Office of Polar Programs (1209).

*Date/Time:* September 19-20, 2000; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Room 360/330, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Scott Borg and Dr. Julie Palais, Program Directors, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 755, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8033.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Antarctic Glaciology and Antarctic Geology and Geophysics 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 the Office of Polar Programs (1209).

*Date/time:* September 18-19, 2000; 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 330, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Scott Borg, Program Director, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 755, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8033.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Antarctic Geology and Geophysics 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

### President's Committee on the National Medal of Science; 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:* President's Committee on the National Medal of Science (1182).

*Date/Time:* Monday, November 13, 2000, 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

*Place:* Rm. 1295, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Mrs. Susan E. Fannoney, Program Manager, Room 1220, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/292-8096.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the President in the selection of the National Medal of Science recipients.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate nominations as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The nominations being reviewed include information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute unwarranted invasions of personal privacy.

These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040-00017]

### Notice of Consideration of Amendment Request for Dow Chemical Company's Radiation Safety Officer Change and Schedule Extension for Decommissioning of Bay City Site, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a license amendment (LA) to Material License No. STB-527 issued to The Dow Chemical Company (TDCC), to authorize change of the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO), and to extend the time schedule for decommissioning of its Bay City site, Bay City, Michigan.

TDCC submitted a letter dated June 1, 2000, which requested a license amendment to change the RSO. TDCC also submitted a letter dated May 23, 2000, requesting an extension of the deadline for completion of decommissioning until October 31, 2003.

These letters are treated as requests for license amendment. An NRC administrative review, documented in a letter to TDCC dated July 21, 2000, found the RSO change and the schedule extension requests acceptable to begin a technical review. If the NRC approves the RSO change and the schedule extension to October 31, 2003, the approval will be documented in a license amendment to NRC License No. STB-527. However, before approving the proposed amendment, the NRC will need to make findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment.

NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on two applications for license amendment of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules of practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR part 2. Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a

hearing in accordance with § 2.1205(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

1. By delivery to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738; between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays; or
2. By mail or facsimile addressed to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

In accordance with 10 CFR § 2.1205(f), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail, to:

1. The applicant, The Dow Chemical Company, 1261 Building, Midland, Michigan 48667, Attention: Mr. Ben Baker, Project Manager; and
2. The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738, between 7:45 am and 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays; or by mail addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR part 2 of NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

1. The interest of the requester in the proceeding;
2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requester should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(h);
3. The requester's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and
4. The circumstance establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(d).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The application for the LA and supporting documentation are available for inspection at NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. Questions with respect to this action should be referred to Sam Nalluswami, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear

Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: (301) 415-6694. Fax: (301) 415-5398.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of August 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Larry W. Camper,**

*Chief, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Notice of Availability of Internet Web Page for Discussion of the Nuclear Material Management and Safeguards System**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is making available an Internet web site for the purpose of facilitating comments from NRC stakeholders pertaining to the on-going upgrade of the Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System. The Nuclear Materials Management and Safeguards System (NMMSS) serves as the U.S. Government's nuclear materials information system. It contains current and historic data on the possession and shipment of source<sup>1</sup> and special nuclear material.<sup>2</sup> The NMMSS upgrade potentially could have an impact on the reporting burden of NRC licensees.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barry Mendelsohn, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone 301-415-7262, e-mail: [btm1@nrc.gov](mailto:btm1@nrc.gov)

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

<sup>1</sup> As used by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the term "source material" means uranium containing the mixture of isotopes occurring in nature; uranium depleted in the isotope 235; thorium; any of the foregoing in the form of metal, alloy, chemical compound, or concentrate; any other material containing one or more of the foregoing in such concentration as the IAEA Board of Governors shall from time to time determine; and such other material as the Board of Governors shall from time to time determine.

<sup>2</sup> Special nuclear material means (1) plutonium, uranium 233, uranium enriched in the isotope 233 or in the isotope 235, and any other material which the Commission, pursuant to the provisions of section 51 of the Atomic Energy Act, determines to be special nuclear material, but does not include source material; or (2) any material artificially enriched by any of the foregoing but does not include source material.

## **Background**

NMMSS satisfies the requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, for "a program for Government control of the possession, use, and production of atomic energy and special nuclear material, whether owned by the Government or others, so directed as to make the maximum contribution to the common defense and security and the national welfare, and to provide continued assurance of the Government's ability to enter into and enforce agreements with nations or groups of nations for the control of special nuclear materials . . ." It is used to satisfy obligations to the International Atomic Energy Agency for a State system of accountability of source and special nuclear materials. Transaction, Inventory and Material Balance data are reported to NMMSS from 1130 facilities that are either operated for the Department of Energy (DOE) or regulated by the NRC.

NMMSS is managed jointly by the NRC and the DOE. It is operated by NAC International under contract to DOE.

The contractor currently runs NMMSS in a personal computer environment using the FoxPro data base management platform. The FoxPro platform is no longer supported by its owner. Because it is an obsolete platform, its use is a detriment to attracting and retaining competent contractor staff. Also, NMMSS is still based on the original 80-column design from 1965 main frame days. This limits the ability of programmers to make even minor format changes that users may request. Its current format does not adequately meet needs of the U.S. State Department for tracking foreign obligations attached to some foreign origin nuclear material.

NMMSS is being upgraded by NAC International to an Oracle platform and redesigned in order to respond to customers' needs. The changes to NMMSS from this upgrade may eventually require NRC licensees and certificate holders to make some conforming changes to the formats of their own materials management software.

The funding for the NMMSS contract is currently shared by the DOE and NRC with two-thirds provided by DOE and one-third by the NRC. The cost of the upgrade is also being shared, but with NRC being responsible for a somewhat lesser share of the funding. The NRC's NMMSS expenses contribute to fees charged to its licensees under the "full-fee recovery" provision of its appropriation legislation.