

the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If the amendment is issued before the expiration of the 30-day hearing period, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. If a hearing is requested, the final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

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A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, by the above date. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Jay Silberg, Esq., at Shaw, Pittman, Potts, and Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a

balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated February 1, 2001, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of February 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Carl F. Lyon,**

*Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate III, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Notice of a Public Meeting on Assessing Future Regulatory Research Needs

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold a fourth and final meeting of nuclear experts from the government, the nuclear industry, academia, and the public on February 21, 2001. As a result of the first two meetings, the nuclear experts issued a draft report composed of the individual views of the experts on the role and direction of regulatory research. The draft report contains a number of recommendations. The third meeting focused on strategies for implementing recommendations and briefings by the NRC licensing offices and the regions. The purpose of this meeting is to review, discuss, and propose individual recommendations on the role and future direction of regulatory research for Commission consideration. The Expert Panel will also discuss their perspectives and responses to questions posed to the panel by NRC Chairman Richard A. Meserve. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties may attend.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 9:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 21, 2001, at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) located at 1800 K Street, NW., in Washington, DC (corner of 18th and K Streets). The

telephone number for CSIS is 202-775-3115 (Lisa Hyland).

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions with respect to this meeting should be referred to James W. Johnson, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-6293; fax (301) 415-5153; E-mail [jwj@nrc.gov](mailto:jwj@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Parking is available in the vicinity of the CSIS location for a modest cost. CSIS can also be reached by Metro. CSIS is located one block west of the Farragut North Metro stop on the Red Line and one block north of the Farragut West Metro stop on the orange and blue lines. Seating for the public is limited and therefore will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 9th day of February 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Ashok C. Thadani,**

*Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### National Materials Program Working Group

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of formation of working group and public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has formed a working group to provide the Commission with regulatory program options for a proposed National Materials Program. The working group is composed of the Organization of Agreement States (OAS), Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., (CRCPD) and NRC representatives.

The working group held its first meeting in March 2000 and will produce a paper for the Commission that examines the impact of an increased number of Agreement States (AS) on the NRC's regulatory program and provides options for the Commission's consideration. The completion date for the working group's product is May 2001. To assure that the broadest possible alternatives are considered, the working group intends to hold a stakeholder's meeting to garner additional ideas for the working group's consideration as it finalizes the options it is considering.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 21, 2001 from 8:30 am–5 pm; February 22, 2001 from 8:30 am–12 noon. Registration will begin at 8 am each day. To facilitate maximum participation and information sharing, the meeting will be open to the public.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the NRC’s Region IV Office, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011–8064.

Members of the public who are unable to attend the meeting can send comments to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attention: National Materials Program Working Group.

A notice about this meeting is also published at the NRC web site, News and Information, Public Meetings, Other Meetings (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/meet.html#OTHER>).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Myers, Project Manager, Office of State and Tribal Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; Telephone: 301–415–2328; E-mail: [jhm@nrc.gov](mailto:jhm@nrc.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 32 Agreement States (AS) regulate about 70 percent of the total number of radioactive materials licensees. NRC is forecasting three more AS by FY 2003. This will bring the percentage of licensees regulated by AS to more than 80 percent. With a declining number of licensees, NRC believes that its activities that support the national program infrastructure (rulemaking, guidance development, information technology systems, technical support, event follow up and the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program) will have a significant impact on an increasingly smaller number of NRC licensees.

The NRC staff determined that the following issues were key to defining and implementing State and Federal roles under a national program: delineate the scope of activities to be covered by the program and need for statutory changes at the State and Federal levels; establish formal program coordination mechanisms; establish performance indicators, a program assessment process to measure performance and ensure program evolution; and provisioning and budgeting of both State and Federal resources for the program. Additionally, it was directed that the project be completed by May 1, 2001.

To assure adequate coordination and sharing of information with OAS, CRCPD and the public, it is the intention of the working group to place

information at the Office of State and Tribal Programs web site <http://www.hsr.d.ornl.gov/nrc/home.html>. Notices of future meetings will be posted at the NRC web site’s Public Meeting Notice area: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/meet.html#OTHER>. To facilitate maximum participation and information sharing, the working group’s meetings will be open to the public. Future meeting notices will be published at the NRC web site, News and Information, Public Meetings, Other Meetings.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 8th day of February, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Frederick C. Combs,**  
*Deputy Director, Office of State and Tribal Programs.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Correction to Biweekly Notice Applications and Amendments to Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Consideration**

On February 7, 2001 (66 FR 9377), the **Federal Register** published the “Biweekly Notice of Applications and Amendments to Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations.” On page 9377, column 3, second paragraph, “January 29, 2001, through February 9, 2001” should read “January 16, 2001 through January 26, 2001.”

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of February 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**John A. Zwolinski,**  
*Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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**PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION**

**Interest Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium; Interest Assumptions for Multiemployer Plan Valuations Following Mass Withdrawal**

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of interest rates and assumptions.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain Pension Benefit

Guaranty Corporation regulations. These rates and assumptions are published elsewhere (or are derivable from rates published elsewhere), but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC’s web site (<http://www.pb.gc.gov>).

**DATES:** The interest rate for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in February 2001. The interest assumptions for performing multiemployer plan valuations following mass withdrawal under part 4281 apply to valuation dates occurring in March 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202–326–4024. (For TTY/TDD users, call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1–800–877–8339 and ask to be connected to 202–326–4024.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Variable-Rate Premiums**

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and § 4006.4(b)(1) of the PBGC’s regulation on Premium Rates (29 CFR part 4006) prescribe use of an assumed interest rate in determining a single-employer plan’s variable-rate premium. The rate is the “applicable percentage” (currently 85 percent) of the annual yield on 30-year Treasury securities for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the “premium payment year”). The yield figure is reported in Federal Reserve Statistical Releases G.13 and H.15.

The assumed interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning in February 2001 is 4.71 percent (*i.e.*, 85 percent of the 5.54 percent yield figure for January 2001).

The following table lists the assumed interest rates to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning between March 2000 and February 2001.

For premium payment years beginning in	The assumed interest rate is
March 2000 .....	5.30
April 2000 .....	5.14
May 2000 .....	4.97
June 2000 .....	5.23
July 2000 .....	5.04
August 2000 .....	4.97
September 2000 .....	4.86
October 2000 .....	4.96
November 2000 .....	4.93
December 2000 .....	4.91