

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.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

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.

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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,**

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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.