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THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION OF THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura S. Nelson, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c) (4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* April 2, 2001.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 426.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in

Museums and Historical Organizations, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2001 deadline.

2. *Date:* April 3, 2001.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2001 deadline.

3. *Date:* April 5, 2001.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2001 deadline.

4. *Date:* April 9, 2001.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2001 deadline.

5. *Date:* April 23, 2001.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Summer Seminars and Institutes for School Teachers, submitted to the Division of Education at the March 1, 2001 deadline.

6. *Date:* April 24, 2001.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Summer Seminars and Institutes for College and University Teachers, submitted to the Division of Education at the March 1, 2001 deadline.

7. *Date:* April 30, 2001.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Summer Seminars and Institutes for School Teachers, submitted to the Division of Education at the March 1, 2001 deadline.

Laura S. Nelson,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket 70-7001]

Notice of Issuance of Certification Amendment to the Certificate of Compliance GDP-1 for the U.S. Enrichment Corporation Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant Paducah, KY

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has issued an amendment to the Certificate of Compliance for the United States Enrichment Corporation's Paducah, Kentucky, facility. The amendment increases the assay limit for the facility from the current 2.75 wt%²³⁵U up to 5.5 wt%²³⁵U. The NRC issued a **Federal Register** Notice (65 FRN 70368) dated November 22, 2000, noticing receipt of USEC's amendment request, dated October 20, 2000. The FRN also requested comments during a 30-day public comment period. One set of public comments was received on December 22, 2000, and was considered when reviewing the amendment request.

The initial licensing review was completed and a preliminary Compliance Evaluation Report was issued on February 16, 2001. An operational readiness review was then performed at the facility from February 20 through March 2, 2001. The remaining licensing review was then completed and the amendment was issued on March 19, 2001.

In addition, there is a public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2001, to discuss this amendment. The meeting will be held at the Paducah Community College, Rosenthal Hall #111 (Engineering Building) from 7-9 pm. For more information concerning the meeting, contact Heather Astwood on 301-415-5819.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment, and the Compliance Evaluation Report written in support of issuing the amendment. These documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, NRC's Headquarters Building, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852 and electronically from the Publicly Available Records System (PARS) component of NRC's document management system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web Site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>.

Brief description of amendment: The U.S. Enrichment Corporation requested that the assay limit for the Paducah

facility be increased from the current 2.75 wt% ²³⁵U up to 5.5 wt% ²³⁵U. The proposed amendment is approved and allows the Paducah facility to withdraw from the cascade and ship 5.0 wt% enriched uranium hexafluoride (UF₆).

Certificate of Compliance No. GDP-1: The amendment will be revision number 55 to the certificate and is allowing the facility to produce the higher enrichment. This amendment also finalizes changes to the Technical Safety Requirements.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of March 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Daniel M. Gillen,

*Acting Chief, Special Projects Branch,
Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and
Safeguards.*

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 155, OMB Control No. 3235-0549, SEC File No. 270-492.

Rule 477, OMB Control No. 3235-0550, SEC File No. 270-493.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 155 under the Securities Act provides safe harbors for a registered offering following an abandoned private offering, or a private offering following an abandoned registered offering, without integrating the registered and private offering in either case. Rule 155 requires any prospectus filed as a part of a registration statement after a private offering to include disclosure regarding abandonment of the private offering. Similarly, the rule requires an issuer to provide each offeree in a private offering following an abandoned registered offering with: (1) Information concerning withdrawal of the

registration statement; (2) the fact that the private offering is unregistered; and (3) the legal implications of the offering's unregistered status. The likely respondents will be companies. It is estimated that 600 issuers will file Rule 155 submissions annually at an estimated 4 hours per response. Also, it is estimated that 50% of the 2,400 total annual burden hours (1,200 burden hours) would be prepared by the company. We estimate that the company's outside counsel would prepare the other 1,200 burden hours.

Rule 477 under the Securities Act sets forth procedures for withdrawing a registration statement or any amendment or exhibits thereto. The rule provides that if a registrant applies in anticipation of reliance on Rule 155's registered-to-private safe harbor, the registrant must state in the withdrawal application that the registrant plans to undertake a subsequent private offering in reliance on the rule. Without this statement, the Commission would not be able to monitor issuers' reliance on and compliance with Rule 155(c). The likely respondents will be companies. It is estimated that 300 issuers will file Rule 477 submissions annually at an estimated one-hour per response for a total annual burden of 300 hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: March 21, 2001.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release 34-44089; File No. 600-22]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MBS Clearing Corporation; Notice of Filing and Order Approving a Request for an Extension of Temporary Registration as a Clearing Agency

March 21, 2001.

Notice is hereby given that on February 23, 2001, MBS Clearing Corporation ("MBSCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") an application pursuant to Section 19(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ requesting that the Commission grant MBSCC full registration as a clearing agency or in the alternative extend MBSCC's temporary registration as a clearing agency until such time as the Commission is able to grant MBSCC permanent registration.² The Commission is publishing this notice and order to solicit comments from interested persons and to extend MBSCC's temporary registration as a clearing agency through September 30, 2001.

On February 2, 1987, pursuant to Sections 17A(b) and 19(a) of the Act³ and Rule 17Ab2-1 promulgated thereunder,⁴ the Commission granted MBSCC registration as a clearing agency on a temporary basis for a period of eighteen months.⁵ The Commission subsequently has extended MBSCC's registration through March 31, 2001.⁶

In the most recent extension of MBSCC's temporary registration, the Commission stated that it planned in the near future to seek comment on granting MBSCC permanent registration as a clearing agency. The extension of MBSCC's temporary registration will enable the Commission to do so within the next few months.

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(a).

² Letter from Anthony Davidson, Managing Director and General Counsel, MBSCC (February 20, 2001).

³ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b) and 78s(a).

⁴ 17 CFR 240.17Ab2-1.

⁵ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 24046. (February 2, 1987), 52 FR 4218.

⁶ Securities Exchange Act Release Nos. 25957 (August 2, 1988), 53 FR 29537; 27079 (July 31, 1989), 54 FR 34212; 28492 (September 28, 1990), 55 FR 41148; 29751 (September 27, 1991), 56 FR 50602; 31750 (January 21, 1993), 58 FR 6424; 33348 (December 15, 1993), 58 FR 68183; 35132 (December 21, 1994), 59 FR 67743; 37372 (June 26, 1996), 61 FR 35281; 38784 (June 27, 1997), 62 FR 36587; 39776 (March 20, 1998), 63 FR 14740; 41211 (March 24, 1999), 64 FR 15854; and 42568 (March 23, 2000), 65 FR 16980.