

during Federal workdays. To be considered in the scoping process, written comments should be postmarked by December 11, 2002. Electronic comments may be sent by the Internet to the NRC at GinnaEIS@nrc.gov. Electronic submissions should be sent no later than December 11, 2002, to be considered in the scoping process. Comments will be available electronically and accessible through the NRC's PERR link at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Participation in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the supplement to the GEIS relates. Notice of opportunity for a hearing regarding the renewal application was the subject of the aforementioned **Federal Register** notice of acceptance for docketing. Matters related to participation in any hearing are outside the scope of matters to be discussed at this public meeting.

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC will prepare a concise summary of the determination and conclusions reached, including the significant issues identified, and will send a copy of the summary to each participant in the scoping process. The summary will also be available for inspection through the PERR link. The staff will then prepare and issue, for comment, the draft supplement to the GEIS, which will be the subject of separate notices and separate public meetings. Copies will be available for public inspection at the above-mentioned addresses, and one copy per request will be provided free of charge. After receipt and consideration of the comments, the NRC will prepare a final supplement to the GEIS, which will also be available for public inspection.

Information about the proposed action, the supplement to the GEIS, and the scoping process may be obtained from Mr. Schaaf at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of October, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Pao-Tsin Kuo,

Program Director, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Second Pre-PIRT Meeting on Triso Coated Fuel Particles

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

PURPOSE: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold the second pre-PIRT (Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table) meeting to identify phenomena and issues related to TRISO coated fuel particles in order to develop research program. PIRTs have been used at NRC since 1988, and they provide a structured way to obtain a technical understanding that is needed to address certain issues.

DATES: Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 2002 (9 a.m.-5 p.m. and 9 a.m.-4:15 p.m. respectively).

ADDRESSES: Room O-13B4 of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

Participants

This is a technical workshop to be conducted as roundtable discussions and presentation of handouts between the NRC staff and NRC contractors. The agenda is attached. All handouts will be published as part of a NUREG/CR report. The list of invited contractors are as follows:

Brent Boyack, Contractor,
Syd Ball, Oak Ridge National Laboratory,
Robert Morris, Oak Ridge National Laboratory,
David Petti, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory,
Dana Powers, Sandia National Laboratory.

Public Attendance

The meeting will be conducted as roundtable discussions between the invited participants and NRC staff. Although the focus of discussions will be among invited participants and NRC staff, the meeting is open to public. Members of the audience will be given opportunity to comment at the end of the meetings each day. They may also submit written comments after the meeting. All written comments should be received within 15 days of the conclusion of the meeting. All written comments which are received within this period, will be published as part of the NUREG/CR report.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting agenda will be posted on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/RES/meetings.html> by Oct 15, 2002. Attendees will need to obtain a visitor

badge at the OWFN building lobby and an escort is required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Frank Odar, SMSAB, Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-6500.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of October 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Farouk Eltwila,

Director, Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

Agenda—The Second TRISO Fuel Particle Pre-PIRT Meeting, Oct. 31–Nov. 1, 2002, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852

Participants

Brent Boyack, Contractor, Chairman,
Dana Powers, Sandia National Laboratory,
David Petti, Idaho National Engineering Laboratory,
Robert Morris, Oak Ridge National Laboratory,
Syd Ball, Oak Ridge National Laboratory,
NRC Staff.

Objectives

- Identify essential points, phenomena and processes associated with TRISO fuel during transient and accident conditions.
- Select importance ranking criteria and scale.
- Perform testing of importance ranking process for a postulated accident scenario.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 2002, Room O-13B4 (North Building, 13th Floor, Room B4)

8:45 a.m. Check-in at front desk.
9:00 Convene meeting, review results of the first meeting (B. Boyack/all).
10:30 Break.
10:45 ORNL presentation/discussion on TRISO particles during accidents/transients.
11:00 INEEL presentation/discussions on TRISO particles during accidents/transients.
12:00 Lunch.
1:00 p.m. Identify essential phenomena/issues associated with TRISO particles during accidents and transients.
3:00 Break.
3:15 Identify essential phenomena/issues associated with TRISO particles during accidents and transients (cont.).
4:45 Public Comment Period.
5:00 Adjourn.

Friday, Nov. 1, 2002, Room O-13B4
(North Building, 13th Floor, Room B4)

8:45 a.m. Check-in front desk.

9:00 Convene meeting, identify essential phenomena/issues associated with TRISO particles during accidents and transients (cont.).

10:30 Break.

10:45 Confirm importance ranking criteria and scale, start performing testing of the PIRT process for a postulated accident.

12:00 Lunch.

1:00 p.m. Perform testing of the PIRT process for a postulated accident.

3:15 Break.

3:30 Confirmation of post-meeting action items (format and content) and due dates.

4:00 Public comment period.

4:15 Adjourn.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee Open Committee Meetings

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that meetings of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee will be held on—

Thursday, October 24, 2002

Thursday, November 7, 2002

Thursday, November 21, 2002

Thursday, December 5, 2002

Thursday, December 19, 2002

The meetings will start at 10 a.m. and will be held in Room 5A-06A, Office of Personnel Management Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee is composed of a Chair, five representatives from labor unions holding exclusive bargaining rights for Federal blue-collar employees, and five representatives from Federal agencies. Entitlement to membership on the Committee is provided for in 5 U.S.C. 5347.

The Committee's primary responsibility is to review the Prevailing Rate System and other matters pertinent to establishing prevailing rates under subchapter IV, chapter 53, 5 U.S.C., as amended, and from time to time advise the Office of Personnel Management.

This scheduled meeting will start in open session with both labor and management representatives attending. During the meeting either the labor members or the management members

may caucus separately with the Chair to devise strategy and formulate positions. Premature disclosure of the matters discussed in these caucuses would unacceptably impair the ability of the Committee to reach a consensus on the matters being considered and would disrupt substantially the disposition of its business. Therefore, these caucuses will be closed to the public because of a determination made by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management under the provisions of section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B). These caucuses may, depending on the issues involved, constitute a substantial portion of a meeting.

Annually, the Chair compiles a report of pay issues discussed and concluded recommendations. These reports are available to the public, upon written request to the Committee's Secretary.

The public is invited to submit material in writing to the Chair on Federal Wage System pay matters felt to be deserving of the Committee's attention. Additional information on this meeting may be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5538, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415 (202) 606-1500.

Dated: September 30, 2002.

Mary M. Rose,
*Chairperson, Federal Prevailing Rate
Advisory Committee.*

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Acacia National Life Insurance Company, et al.; Notice of application

October 4, 2002.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of Application for an order pursuant to Sections 17(b) and 11(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("1940 Act" or "Act"), and Rule 17d-1 thereunder.

APPLICANTS: Acacia National Life Insurance Company ("Acacia National"), Acacia National Variable Annuity Separate Account II ("Acacia VA Account"), Acacia National Variable Life Insurance Separate Account I ("Acacia VUL Account," collectively with the Acacia VA Account, the

"Acacia Accounts"), Ameritas Variable Life Insurance Company ("AVLIC"), Ameritas Variable Separate Account VA ("AVLIC VA Account"), Ameritas Variable Separate Account VL ("AVLIC VUL Account," collectively with the AVLIC VA Account, the "AVLIC Accounts") and The Advisors Group, Inc. ("TAG") (collectively, "Applicants").

SUMMARY OF APPLICATION: Applicants seek an order of the Commission (1) permitting the transfer of assets from the Acacia Accounts to the AVLIC Accounts in connection with the assumption reinsurance by AVLIC from Acacia National of the individual variable annuity contracts (the "Acacia Contracts") and individual variable life insurance policies (the "Acacia Policies") to which those assets relate; (2) permitting any joint arrangement that could be deemed to be associated with those reinsurance transactions; and (3) approving the terms of any offers of exchange that may be deemed to be involved in those reinsurance transactions.

FILING DATES: The application was filed on May 31, 2002 and amended and restated on September 26, 2002, and October 2, 2002.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the Application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on this Application by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving Applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests must be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on October 29, 2002, and should be accompanied by proof of service on Applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicants: c/o Jorden Burt LLP, 1025 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW, Suite 400 East, Washington, DC 20007-5208, Attention: W. Randolph Thompson, Esq.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joyce M. Pickholz, Senior Counsel, or Zandra Y. Bailes, Branch Chief, Office of Insurance Products, Division of Investment Management, at (202) 942-0670.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the