

educated individuals. Data are obtained via paper questionnaire or Web option from each person earning a research doctorate at the time they receive the degree. Data are collected on their field of specialty, educational background, source of support in graduate school, debt level, post graduation plans for employment, and demographic characteristics. The Federal government, universities, researchers, and others use the information extensively.

The National Science Foundation, as the lead agency, publishes statistics from the survey in many reports, but primarily in the annual publication series, "Science and Engineering Doctorates." The National Opinion Research Corporation at the University of Chicago disseminates a free interagency report entitled "Doctorate Recipients from U.S. Universities: Summary Report." These reports are available in print and electronically on the World Wide Web.

The survey will be collected in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974 Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002. Responses from individuals are voluntary. NSF will insure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for research or statistical purposes, analyzing data, and preparing scientific reports and articles.

2. *Expected Respondents:* A total response rate of 92% of the total 40,744 persons who earned a research doctorate was obtained in academic year 2000/2001. This level of response rate has been consistent for several years. The respondents will be individuals and the estimated number of respondents annually is 37,484 (based on 2001 data)

3. *Estimate of Burden:* The Foundation estimates that, on average, 19 minutes per respondent will be required to complete the survey, for a total of 11,714 hours for all respondents (based on the Academic 2000/2001 number). This is reduced by 2,514 hours from the last annual estimate approved by OMB; this reduction is due to a revised, more efficient section on educational history and a declining number of research doctorate recipients since 1998.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste

#### Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACNW will hold a Planning and Procedures meeting on December 17, 2002, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACNW, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Tuesday, December 17, 2002—8:30 a.m.—10 a.m.*

The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW activities and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Designated Federal Official named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions open to the public, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements, and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official, Howard J. Larson (telephone: 301/415-6805) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the proposed agenda.

Dated: November 25, 2002.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on December 11-12, 2002, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

**Wednesday, December 11, 2002—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business**

The Subcommittee will discuss the work performed by NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) pertaining to the use of the RELAP-5 code for calculation of the thermal-hydraulic parameters used in the Oak Ridge National Laboratory FAVOR code, pursuant to the Pressurized Thermal Shock Rule Reevaluation effort.

**Thursday, December 12, 2002—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business**

The Subcommittee will continue its review of the RES TRAC-M code consolidation and documentation project.

The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the subcommittee Chairman. Written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Designated Federal Official named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be