

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM**National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: National Communications System (NCS).

ACTION: Notice of closed meetings.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the President's National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC) will be held via conference call on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. The NSTAC is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II.) The conference call will be closed to the public to allow for oral discussion of:

- Interdependencies of Critical Infrastructures
- Issues regarding security matters due to diversity of ownership, control, and access to U.S. critical telecommunication and information technology infrastructures

Since revealing details of infrastructure interdependencies could reveal predominantly internal agency records that would significantly risk circumvention of agency regulations or statutes intended to protect critical infrastructures, closing this portion of the meeting is consistent with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2). In order to assess security matters raised by diversity of ownership within the telecommunications and information technology infrastructures, it is necessary to close this portion of the meeting to protect proprietary information NSTAC members may need to present on this topic, consistent with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4). Based on the sensitivity of these topics, this conference call will be closed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Call Ms. Kiesha Gebreyes, (703) 607-6134, or write the Manager, National Communications System, 701 South Court House Road, Arlington, Virginia 22204-2198.

Peter M. Fonash,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, National Communications System.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON 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: Heather Gottry, Acting 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:* September 22, 2003.

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

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Landmarks of American History: Workshops for School Teachers, submitted to the Division of Education Programs at the August 15, 2003 deadline.

2. *Date:* September 23, 2003.

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

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Landmarks of American History: Workshops for School Teachers, submitted to the Division of Education Programs at the August 15, 2003 deadline.

Heather Gottry,

Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-03754]

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Availability of Environmental Assessment for License Amendment of Materials License No. 31-02892-06, VA Medical Center in Brooklyn, NY

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John R. Wray, Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, 19406. Telephone (610) 337-5268; Fax (610) 337-5269; and/or by e-mail: *JRW3@nrc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Introduction**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of a license amendment to the VA Medical Center in Brooklyn for Materials License No. 31-02892-06, to authorize release of its facility at the St. Albans Extended Care Center in Queens, New York, for unrestricted use and has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this action in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate.

II. EA Summary

The purpose of the proposed action is to allow for the release of the licensee's St. Albans Extended Care Center facility for unrestricted use. The VA Medical Center in Brooklyn was authorized by NRC on August 20, 1998, to possess radioactive materials for decommissioning purposes at the site. On May 15, 2003, the VA Medical Center in Brooklyn requested that NRC release the facility for unrestricted use. The VA Medical Center in Brooklyn has conducted surveys of the facility and determined that the facility meets the license termination criteria in subpart E of 10 CFR part 20.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC staff has evaluated the request from the VA Medical Center in Brooklyn and the results of the surveys and has concluded that the completed action complies with 10 CFR part 20. The staff has prepared the EA

(summarized above) in support of the proposed license amendment to terminate the license and release the facility for unrestricted use. On the basis of the EA, NRC has concluded that the environmental impacts from the proposed action are expected to be insignificant and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

IV. Further Information

The EA and the documents related to this proposed action, including the application for the license amendment and supporting documentation, are available for inspection at NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (ADAMS Accession No. ML032380112).

Dated at King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, this 26th day of August, 2003.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ronald R. Bellamy,

Chief, Decommissioning and Laboratory Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 145th meeting on September 16-18, 2003, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

Tuesday, September 16, 2003

10:30 a.m.-10:40 a.m.: Opening Statement (Open)—The Chairman will open the meeting with brief opening remarks, outline the topics to be discussed, and indicate items of interest.

10:40 a.m.-12 Noon.: Commission Presentations (Open)—The Committee will discuss its presentation for the October 23, 2003 public meeting with the NRC Commissioners. Topics proposed for discussion:

- Chairman's Report
- High-Level Waste Risk Insights
- TSPA/TPA Working Group
- Performance Confirmation Working Group
- Status and Pathway to Closure on KTI's

1 p.m.-6 p.m.: Committee Retreat (Open)—The focus of the September

2003 retreat is to identify the suite of topics that the Committee intends to examine over the next 12 to 18 months. The topics to be proposed would be consistent with the priorities defined in Action Plan as well as earlier Committee discussions with the Commission and NMSS management.

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Statement (Open)—The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:35 a.m.-2 p.m.: Committee Retreat (Continued) (Open)—The Committee will identify specific topics and its plans for review of the relevant High-Level Waste issues from the present to the submission by DOE of a license application for the Yucca Mountain repository.

2 p.m.-6 p.m.: Proposed ACRS Report (Open)—The Committee will discuss a proposed ACNW report on matters considered during this meeting, as well as proposed ACNW reports on the Performance Confirmation Working Group.

Thursday, September 18, 2003

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Statement (Open)—The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:35 a.m.-9:30 a.m.: Planning for 147th ACNW Meeting Las Vegas, Nevada (Open)—The Committee will review proposed activities for its November 18, 2003 trip to Yucca Mountain and the Amargosa Valley and its subsequent technical discussion in Las Vegas, NV with DOE representatives and others (including stakeholders and the public) during the 147th ACNW Meeting, November 19-20, 2003.

9:45 a.m.-11:45 p.m.: Preparation of ACNW Report (Open)—The Committee will discuss a proposed ACNW report.

12:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m.: Preparation for Meeting with the NRC Commissioner (Open)—The Committee will finalize its viewgraphs for the proposed October 23, 2003, meeting with the NRC Commissioners.

2:45 p.m.-3 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2002 (67 FR 63459). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented

by members of the public. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Howard J. Larson, ACNW (Telephone 301/415-6805), between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the ACNW office prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Howard J. Larson as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, 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 therefore can be obtained by contacting Mr. Howard J. Larson.

ACNW meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room at pdr@nrc.gov, or by calling the PDR at 1-800-397-4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> or <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/> (ACRS & ACNW Mtg schedules/agendas).

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACNW meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACNW meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACNW Audiovisual Technician (301/415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. ET, at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the video teleconferencing link. The availability of video teleconferencing services is not guaranteed.