

Agenda: To hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF and NASA; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the two agencies; to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them.

Dated: December 14, 2004.

Susanne E. Bolton,

Committee Management Office.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the Charter of the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP).

SUMMARY: The Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel was established by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a Federal Advisory Committee in 1989. Its purpose was to provide advice on the fundamental issues of design and development of an electronic information management system to be used to store and retrieve documents relating to the licensing of a geologic repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste, and on the operation and maintenance of the system. This electronic information management system was known as the Licensing Support System (LSS). In November, 1998 the Commission approved amendments to 10 CFR Part 2 that renamed the Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel as the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel.

Membership on the Panel continues to be drawn from those interests that will be affected by the use of the LSN, including the Department of Energy, the NRC, the State of Nevada, the National Congress of American Indians, affected units of local governments in Nevada, the Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force, and a coalition of nuclear industry groups. Federal agencies with expertise and experience in electronic information management systems may also participate on the Panel.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that renewal of the charter for the LSNARP until December 9, 2006 is in the public interest in connection with duties imposed on the Commission by law. This action is being taken in accordance with the Federal

Advisory Committee Act after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew L. Bates, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; Telephone 301-504-1963.

Dated: December 13, 2004.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Availability and Draft Report for Comment, "Evaluation of Loss of Offsite Power Events at Nuclear Power Plants: 1986-2003"

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research draft report entitled, "Evaluation of Loss of Offsite Power Events at Nuclear Power Plants: 1986-2003," and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research draft report entitled, "Evaluation of Loss of Offsite Power Events at Nuclear Power Plants: 1986-2003."

DATES: Comments on this document should be submitted by January 31, 2005. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable. To ensure efficient and complete comment resolution, comments should include references to the section, page, and line numbers of the document to which the comment applies, if possible.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit written comments to Michael Lesar, Chief Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand-deliver comments attention to Michael Lesar, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may also be sent electronically NRCREP@nrc.gov.

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under Accession No. ML043380322, and at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Please note that on October 25, 2004, the NRC terminated public access to ADAMS and initiated an additional security review of publicly available documents to ensure that potentially sensitive information is removed from the ADAMS database accessible through the NRC's Web site. Interested members of the public may obtain copies of the referenced documents for review and/or copying by contacting the Public Document Room pending resumption of public access to ADAMS. The NRC Public Documents Room is located at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, MD, and can be contacted at (800) 397-4209, (301) 415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale Rasmuson, Operating Experience Risk Analysis Branch, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone (301) 415-7571, e-mail dmr@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Draft Report Entitled, "Evaluation of Loss of Offsite Power Events at Nuclear Power Plants: 1986-2003"

This report is an update of two previous reports analyzing loss of offsite power (LOOP) events at U.S. commercial nuclear power plants. LOOP data over the period 1986-2003 were collected and analyzed. Frequency and duration estimates for critical and shutdown operations were generated for five categories of LOOPS: plant centered, switchyard centered, grid related, severe weather related, and extreme weather related. Overall, LOOP frequencies during critical operation have decreased significantly in recent years, while LOOP durations have increased. Various additional topics of interest were also addressed. These topics include potential effects of deregulation, seasonal impacts on LOOP frequencies, consequential LOOPS and others. Finally, additional engineering analyses of the LOOP data were presented. This information is needed in probabilistic risk assessment models of U.S. commercial nuclear power plants to accurately model current risk from LOOP and associated station blackout scenarios.

The NRC is seeking public comment in order to receive feedback from the widest range of parties and to ensure that all information relevant to developing this document is available to the NRC staff. This document is issued for comment only and is not intended for interim use. The NRC will review

public comments received on the document, incorporate suggested changes as necessary, and issue the final report for use.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of December, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Charles E. Ader,

Director, Division of Risk Analysis and Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collections; Comment Request

Summary: In accordance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) publishes periodic summaries of proposed data collections. The information collections numbered below are pending at RRB and will be submitted to OMB within 60 days from the date of this notice.

Comments Are Invited on: (a)

Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

1. Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Railroad Separation Allowance or Severance Pay Report; OMB 3220-0173

Section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act provides for a lump-sum payment to an employee or the employee's survivors equal to the Tier II taxes paid by the employee on a separation allowance or severance payment for which the employee did not receive credits toward retirement. The lump-sum is not payable until retirement benefits begin to accrue or the employee dies. Also, section 4(a-1)(iii) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act provides that a railroad employee who is paid a separation allowance is disqualified for unemployment and

sickness benefits for the period of time the employee would have to work to earn the amount of the allowance. In order to calculate and provide payments, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) must collect and maintain records of separation allowances and severance payments which were subject to Tier II taxation from railroad employers. The RRB uses Form BA-9 to obtain, on a quarterly basis, the information needed from railroad employers concerning the separation allowances and severance payments made to railroad employees and/or the survivors of railroad employees. All reports contain a one-line entry for each such payment or adjustment. Completion is mandatory. Responses are requested quarterly. The RRB proposes no changes to Form BA-9.

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Form #	Annual responses	Time (min)	Burden (hrs)
BA-9	2,030	75	2,537

2. Title and Purpose of Information Collection

Representative Payee Parental Custody Monitoring; OMB 3220-0176

Under section 12(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) is authorized to select, make payments to, and to conduct transactions with, a beneficiary's relative or some other person willing to act on behalf of the beneficiary as a representative payee. The RRB is responsible for determining if direct payment to the beneficiary or payment to a representative payee would best serve the beneficiary's interest. Inherent in the RRB's authorization to select a representative payee is the responsibility to monitor the payee to assure that the beneficiary's interests are protected. Triennially, the RRB utilizes Form G-99d, Parental Custody Report, to obtain information needed to verify that a parent-for-child representative payee still has custody of the child. One response is required from each respondent. The RRB proposes no changes to Form G-99d.

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Form #(s)	Annual responses	Time (min)	Burden (hrs)
G-99d	1,230	5	103

Additional Information or Comments: To request more information regarding any of the information collections listed above or to obtain copies of the information collection justifications, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363 or send an e-mail request to Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.gov. Comments regarding the information collections should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an e-mail to Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.gov. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Charles Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[File No. 500-1]

Absolute Health and Fitness, Inc.; Order of Suspension of Trading

December 15, 2004.

It appears to the Securities and Exchange Commission that there is a lack of current and accurate information concerning the securities of Absolute Health and Fitness, Inc. ("Absolute Health") because of questions regarding the accuracy of assertions by Absolute Health, and by others, in public statements to investors concerning, among other things, its corporate status and its ownership of certain health and fitness facilities.

The Commission is of the opinion that the public interest and the protection of investors require a suspension of trading in the securities of the above listed company.

Therefore, it is ordered, pursuant to Section 12(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, that trading in the above listed company is suspended for the period from 9:30 a.m. EST December 15, 2004 through 11:59 p.m. EST, on December 29, 2004.

By the Commission.

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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