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*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### EarthScope Science and Education Advisory Committee Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* EarthScope Science and Education Advisory Committee (#16638)

*Dates/Time:* 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.—Tuesday, July 26, 2005. 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.—Wednesday, July 27, 2005.

*Place:* Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology, Univ. of Nevada, Reno, NV 89557-0088.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Kaye Shedlock, Program Director, EarthScope Program, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA, (703) 292-4693.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research, education and outreach in the EarthScope Program.

*Agenda:* To provide advice on EarthScope Program measures of success, education and outreach plans, webpage development and other program issues.

Dated: June 21, 2005.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8905]

### Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment for Rio Algom Mining, LLC

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an amendment to Materials License No. SUA-1475 issued to Rio Algom Mining, LLC (the licensee), to authorize the consolidating and transporting of materials associated with the lined evaporation ponds at its Ambrosia Lake facility near Grants, NM. NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this amendment 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. The amendment will be issued following the publication of this Notice.

#### II. EA Summary

The proposed action is the relocation of the lined evaporation ponds (Section 4 Ponds and Pond 9) at the Ambrosia Lake facility. The action includes the consolidation and removal of byproduct material, transport of the material to the disposal site and disposal of material in accordance with NRC regulations.

In a letter dated November 1, 2004, Rio Algom Mining, LLC (Rio Algom)

submitted to the NRC, a *Closure Plan-Lined Evaporation Ponds (Relocation Plan)* for its Ambrosia Lake uranium mill facility. In a follow-up to the proposed plan, Rio Algom submitted, under letter dated January 28, 2005, a response to a request for additional information and a Revised Relocation Plan. Rio Algom requested that the Revised Relocation Plan be considered initially by NRC so that work can commence at the site. The staff has prepared the EA in support of the proposed license amendment. Staff considered impacts to the land surface, water, air, vegetation, public and worker health and safety, cultural resources, wildlife, and wildlife habitat. The staff found that the potential impacts of the proposed action are limited to the land surface and are temporary due to construction activities. The site Health, Safety and Environment Management System provides adequate assurances to control impacts to the environment. The proposed action will not result in adverse impacts to cultural and historic properties or impact any threatened or endangered species. The overall aesthetics of the area will improve.

#### III. Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the EA, NRC has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed amendment and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement.

#### IV. Further Information

Documents related to this action, including the application for amendment and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this notice are as follows:

Document	ADAMS accession No.	Date
Rio Algom Mining LLC, "Closure Plan-Lined Evaporation Ponds" .....	ML050240058	11/1/04
Rio Algom Mining LLC, "Response to Request for Additional Information for Closure Plan—Lined Evaporation Ponds at Rio Algom Mining LLC's Ambrosia Lake Facility" .....	ML050730258	1/28/05
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Letter to J. Caverly .....	ML042780480	9/20/04
State of New Mexico Environment Department Letter to G. Janosko .....	ML051570252	4/22/05
Rio Algom Mining, LLC, "Response to Request for Additional Information Concerning Environmental Review" .....	ML051670429	6/15/05
Environmental Assessment .....	ML051680226	6/17/05

If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Rockville, MD this 17th day of June, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Robert A. Nelson,**

*Chief, Uranium Processing Section, Fuel Cycle Facilities Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Acquisition Advisory Panel; Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel

**AGENCY:** Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Management and Budget announces a meeting of the Acquisition Advisory Panel (AAP or "Panel") established in accordance with the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003.

**DATES:** A public meeting of the Panel will be held on July 12, 2005 beginning at 9 a.m. eastern time and ending no later than 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The July 12, 2005 meeting will be held at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Basement Auditorium, 801 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20434. The public is asked to pre-register one week in advance for the meeting due to security and seating limitations (see below for information on pre-registration).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Members of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting, the Acquisition Advisory Panel, or to pre-register for the meeting, should contact Ms. Laura Auletta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at: [laura.auletta@gsa.gov](mailto:laura.auletta@gsa.gov), phone/voice mail (202) 208-7279, or mail at: General Services Administration, 1800 F. Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC

20405. Members of the public wishing to reserve speaking time must contact Ms. Anne Terry, AAP Staff Analyst, in writing at: [anne.terry@gsa.gov](mailto:anne.terry@gsa.gov), by FAX at 202-501-3341, or mail at the address given above for the DFO, no later than one week prior to the meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: (a)**

**Background:** The purpose of the Panel is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003. The Panel's statutory charter is to review Federal contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting. The Panel also expects to hear from additional invited speakers from the public and private sectors who will address issues related to the Panel's statutory charter. In addition to invited speakers, the Panel also invites oral public comments at this meeting and has reserved an estimated one hour for this purpose. Members of the public wishing to address the Panel during the meeting must contact Ms. Anne Terry, in writing, as soon as possible to reserve time (see contact information above). Additional time for oral public comments is expected at future public meetings to be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**(b) Availability of Materials for the Meetings:** Please see the Acquisition Advisory Panel Web site for any available materials, including the draft agenda for this meeting which will be posted prior to the meeting (<http://www.acqnet.gov/aap>). Questions/issues of particular interest to the Panel are also available to the public on this Web site. The Panel asks that the public focus on these questions/issues when presenting oral public comments or submitting written statements to the Panel. The public may also obtain copies of Initial Working Group Reports presented at the March 30, 2005 public meeting, scope reports provided by each working group at the June 14, 2005 meeting (if a presentation was used), and public presentations made to the Panel at its Web site under "Meeting Materials" and "Working Groups" at <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap>.

**(c) Procedures for Providing Public Comments:** It is the policy of the Acquisition Advisory Panel to accept written public statements of any length,

and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. To facilitate Panel discussions at its meetings, the Panel may not accept oral comments at all meetings. The Panel Staff expects that public statements presented at Panel meetings will be focused on the Panel's statutory charter, working group topics, and posted questions/issues, and not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements, and that comments will be relevant to the issues under discussion. Oral Comments: Speaking times will be confirmed by Panel staff on a "first-come/first-serve" basis. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, oral public comments must be no longer than 10 minutes for the July 12th meeting. Because Panel members may ask questions, reserved times will be approximate. Interested parties must contact Ms. Anne Terry, in writing (via mail, e-mail, or fax identified above for Ms. Terry) at least one week prior to the meeting in order to be placed on the public speaker list for the meeting. Oral requests for speaking time will not be taken. Speakers are requested to bring extra copies of their comments and presentation slides for distribution to the Panel at the meeting. Speakers wishing to use a Power Point presentation must e-mail the presentation to Ms. Terry one week in advance of the meeting. Written Statements: Although written statements are accepted until the date of the meeting (unless otherwise stated), written statements should be received by the Panel Staff at least one week prior to the meeting date so that they may be made available to the Panel for their consideration prior to the meeting. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO at the address/contact information given in this **Federal Register** Notice in one of the following formats (Adobe Acrobat, WordPerfect, Word, or Rich Text files, in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format). Please note: Since the Panel operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, all public presentations or written statements will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, up to and including being posted on the Panel's Web site.

**(d) Meeting Accommodations:**

Individuals requiring special accommodation to access the public meetings listed above should contact Ms. Auletta at least five business days