

involvement in waste determination evaluations to date, a summary of new waste determination provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2005, and anticipated waste determination activities by the NRC.

11:25 a.m.–4:15 p.m. Session 2: (Open)—Invited experts will address state-of-the-art and R&D technology for waste retrieval including removal of common target radionuclides, and technology for characterizing tank heels. In addition, a historical perspective on the definition of “highly radioactive waste” in the regulations and in practice will be provided. There will also be a roundtable discussion of Session 2 topics.

4:15 p.m.–5 p.m. Session 3: (Open)—Invited experts will discuss the status of technology for using cementitious materials to stabilize wastes.

Wednesday, August 3, 2005

8:30 a.m.–11:35 a.m. Session 3, continued: (Open)—Invited experts will address the status and prospects of predicting durability of grouts; performance assessment perspectives on waste disposal; and practical approaches to make decisions on waste determinations. There will also be a roundtable discussion of Session 3 topics.

11:35 a.m.–4:40 p.m. Session 4: (Open)—Invited experts will address status of technology for environmental monitoring of on-site waste disposal, monitoring of engineered barriers performance, and non-destructive monitoring for cementitious waste forms. There will also be a roundtable discussion of Session 4 topics, as well as topics from other sessions as they relate to the waste determination provisions in the NDAA.

4:40 p.m.–5 p.m.: (Open)—The ACNW Committee members will discuss the main thoughts and findings of the Working Group meeting, and a potential letter/report to the Commission.

Thursday, August 4, 2005

10:15 a.m.–10:20 a.m.: Opening Statement (Open)—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today’s sessions.

10:20 a.m.–11:30 a.m.: Discussion of Current Letters/Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss prepared draft letters and reports on April 2005 Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses Program Review, NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Generic Waste-Related Research, and Risk-Informing Nonreactor Activities.

12:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m.: Status of Repository Design Issues (Open)—The

Committee will hear a briefing by the NRC staff on issues related to the design of a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The general areas to be addressed are: “NRC Staff Views on the Sufficiency of Current U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Level of Design Detail;” “Recent NRC Staff Visits to Spent Nuclear Fuel Handling Facilities in France (Cogema), and the United States (Idaho and Washington);” and “Status of Development of NRC’s Pre-Closure Safety Assessment Tool.”

4 p.m.–4:45 p.m.: Past Waste Confidence Decisions (Open)—The Committee will hear a briefing by the NRC staff on waste confidence decisions (findings) made by the Commission prior to 1999.

4:45 p.m.–5:15 p.m.: ACNW Low-Level Waste White Paper: Draft 3 (Open)—The Committee will comment on the third draft of the white paper on low-level waste.

5:15 p.m.–5:30 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of ACNW activities, and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit. Discussions may include future Committee meetings.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 18, 2004 (69 FR 61416). 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 Ms. Sharon A. Steele, (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 Ms. Steele 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 Ms. Steele.

ACNW meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) at pdr@nrc.gov, or by calling the PDR at 1–800–397–4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System 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).

Video Teleconferencing 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.

Dated: July 14, 2005.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold a Planning and Procedures meeting on August 4, 2005, Room T–2B3, 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:

Thursday, August 4, 2005—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.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Ms. Sharon A. Steele (Telephone: (301) 415-6805) between 8 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. (ET) 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 this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 8:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. (ET). 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 agenda.

Dated: July 14, 2005.

Michael L. Scott,

Branch Chief, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Operations; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Operations will hold a meeting on August 24 and 25, 2005, U.S. NRC Region II, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 23 T85, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, August 24, 2005—1:30 p.m.

until the conclusion of business

Thursday, August 25, 2005—8:30 a.m.

until the conclusion of business

The Subcommittee will discuss regional inspection, enforcement, and operational activities. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Mr. Ralph Caruso (telephone 301-415-8065) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contract the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: July 14, 2005.

Michael L. Scott,

Branch Chief, ACRS/ACNW.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting, July 21, 2005, Public Hearing

OPIC's Sunshine Act notice of its Public Hearing in Conjunction with each Board meeting was published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 70, Number 127, Page 38731) on July 5, 2005. No requests were received to provide testimony or submit written statements for the record; therefore, OPIC's public hearing in conjunction with OPIC's July 28, 2005 Board of Directors meeting scheduled for 2 a.m. on July 21, 2005 has been cancelled.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Information on the hearing cancellation may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438, via facsimile at (202) 218-0136, or via e-mail at cdown@opic.gov.

Dated: July 18, 2005.

Connie M. Downs,

OPIC Corporate Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection, Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Rule 17Ad-3(b), SEC File No. 270-424, OMB Control No. 3235-0473.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission

plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 17Ad-3(b): Notice to Issuers of Non-Compliance With Transfer Agent Turnaround Standards

Rule 17Ad-3(b) requires registered transfer agents that for each of two consecutive months have failed to turnaround at least 75% of all routine items in accordance with the requirements of Rule 17Ad-2(a) or to process at least 75% of all routine items in accordance with the requirements of Rule 17Ad-2(a) to send to the chief executive officer of each issuer for which such registered transfer agent acts a copy of the written notice required under Rule 17Ad-2(c), (d), and (h). The issuer may use the information contained in the notices in several ways: (1) To provide an early warning to the issuer of the transfer agent's non-compliance with the Commission's minimum performance standards regarding registered transfer agents, and (2) to assure that issuers are aware of certain problems and poor performances with respect to the transfer agents that are servicing the issuer's securities. If the issuer does not receive notice of a registered transfer agent's failure to comply with the Commission's minimum performance standards then the issuer will be unable to take remedial action to correct the problem or to find another registered transfer agent. Pursuant to Rule 17Ad-3(b), a transfer agent that has already filed a Notice of Non-Compliance with the Commission pursuant to Rule 17Ad-2 will only be required to send a copy of that notice to issuers for which it acts when that transfer agent fails to turnaround 75% of all routine items or to process 75% of all items.

The Commission estimates that only two transfer agents will meet the requirements of Rule 17Ad-3(b). If a transfer agent fails to meet the minimum requirements under 17Ad-3(b), such transfer agent is simply sending a copy of a form that had already been produced for the Commission. The Commission estimates a requirement will take each respondent approximately one hour to complete, for a total annual estimate burden of two hours at cost of approximately \$60.00 for each hour.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions for the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of