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We request public comments or other relevant information on environmental issues related to the NSF drilling program. The public meetings are not the only opportunity you have to comment. In addition to or in place of attending a meeting, you can submit comments to Dr. James Allan by March 6, 2006 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). We will consider all comments received during the comment period. We request that you include in your comments:

- Your name and address (especially if you would like to receive a copy of the Draft Programmatic EIS/OEIS upon completion);
- An explanation for each comment; and
- Include any background materials to support your comments, as you feel necessary.

You may mail, e-mail, or hand deliver your comments to NSF (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). All comment submissions must be unbound, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, and suitable for copying and electronic scanning. Please note that regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be publicly available and, therefore, any personal information you provide in your comments will be open for public review. In addition, if you wish to receive a copy of the Draft Programmatic EIS/OEIS, please indicate this in your comment. No decision will be made to implement any alternative until the NEPA process is completed.

Dated: January 5, 2006.

James Allan,

*Program Director, Ocean Drilling Program,
Division of Ocean Sciences, National Science
Foundation.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Joint Meeting of the Subcommittees on Regulatory Policies and Practices and on Thermal- Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittees on Regulatory Policies and Practices and on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a joint meeting on January 25, 2006, 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, January 25, 2006—1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The Subcommittees will review the staff's draft proposed Regulatory Guide in support of risk-informed changes to loss-of-coolant accident technical requirements. The Subcommittees will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, and other interested persons regarding this matter. 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. Michael R. Snodderly (telephone 301/415-6927), 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 4:15 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 to the agenda.

Dated: January 4, 2006.

Michael L. Scott,

Branch Chief, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Federal Register Notice

DATES: Weeks of January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 2006.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of January 9, 2006

Tuesday, January 10, 2006

9:30 a.m.: Briefing on International Research and Bilateral Agreements (Public Meeting). (Contact: Roman Shaffer, 301-415-7606). This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>

Wednesday, January 11, 2006

1:55 p.m.: Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative) a. Hydro Resources, Inc. (Crownpoint, New Mexico) Petition for Review of LBP-05-17 (Groundwater Issues) (Tentative)

2 p.m.: Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360) This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>

Thursday, January 12, 2006

9:30 a.m.: Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 2 & 3).

Week of January 16, 2006—Tentative

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

1:30 p.m.: Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 3).

Week of January 23, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 23, 2006.

Week of January 30, 2006—Tentative

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

9:30 a.m.: Briefing on Strategic Workforce Planning and Human Capital Initiatives (Closed—Ex. 2).

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

9:30 a.m.: Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 3)

Week of February 6, 2006—Tentative

Monday, February 6, 2006

9:30 a.m.: Briefing on Materials Degradation Issues and Fuel Reliability (Public Meeting). (Contact: Jennifer Uhle, 301-415-6200). This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>

2 p.m.: Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 3).

Wednesday, February 8, 2006

9:30 a.m.: Briefing on Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS). Programs, Performance, and

Plans—Materials Safety (Public Meeting). (Contact: Teresa Mixon, 301-415-7474; Derek Widmayer, 301-415-6677). This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>

1:30 p.m.: Briefing on Office of Research (RES) Programs, Performance and Plans (Public Meeting). (Contact: Gene Carpenter, 301-415-7333). This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>

Week of February 13, 2006—Tentative
Tuesday, February 14, 2006

2 p.m.: Briefing on Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS). Programs, Performance, and Plans—Waste Safety (Public Meeting). (Contact: Teresa Mixon, 301-415-7474; Derek Widmayer, 301-415-6677). This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

9:30 a.m.: Briefing on Status of OCFO Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting). (Contact: Edward New, 301-415-5646). This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>

*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—301-415-1292. Contact person for more information: Michelle Schroll, 301-415-1662.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html>

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schedule electronically, please sent an electronic message to dkw@nrc.gov.

January 5, 2006.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Office of the Secretary.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

January 19, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting; Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2006, 10 a.m. (Open Portion) 10:15 a.m. (Close Portion)

PLACE: Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Meeting Open to the Public from 10 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Closed portion will commence at 10:15 a.m. (approx.)

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. President's Report.
2. Tribute.
3. Tribute.
4. Confirmation of Vice President.
5. Approval of October 27, 2005 Minutes (Open Portion).

FURTHER MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: (Closed to the Public 10:15 a.m.)

1. Auditors Report.
2. Finance Project—Global.
3. Finance Project—Ukraine, Moldova.
4. Finance Project—Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania.
5. Approval of October 27, 2005 Minutes (Closed Portion).
6. Pending Major Projects.
7. Reports.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Information on the meeting may be obtained from Connie M. Downs at (202) 336-8438.

Dated: January 6, 2006.

Connie M. Downs,

Corporate Secretary, Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 27201; 812-13050]

Thrivent Mutual Funds, et al.; Notice of Application

January 3, 2006.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under (a) section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") granting an exemption from sections 18(f) and 21(b) of the Act; (b) section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act granting an exemption from section 12(d)(1) of the Act; (c) sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act granting an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(3) of the Act; and (d) section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions.

SUMMARY OF THE APPLICATION:

Applicants request an order that would permit certain registered open-end management investment companies to participate in a joint lending and borrowing facility.

APPLICANTS: Thrivent Mutual Funds (formerly known as The AAL Mutual Funds), Thrivent Series Fund, Inc. (formerly known as LB Series Fund, Inc.), Thrivent Financial Securities Lending Trust (collectively, the "Thrivent Investment Companies"), Thrivent Financial for Lutherans ("Thrivent Financial"), Thrivent Investment Management, Inc. ("Thrivent Investment Management"), any other person controlling, controlled by or under common control (within the meaning of section 2(a)(9) of the Act) with Thrivent Financial (together with Thrivent Financial and Thrivent Investment Management, a "Thrivent Adviser"), and any other open-end management investment company registered under the Act that in the future is advised by a Thrivent Adviser ("Future Investment Companies", and together with the Thrivent Investment Companies, the "Investment Companies").

FILING DATES: The application was filed on December 11, 2003, and amended on December 23, 2005.

HEARING OR NOTIFICATION OF HEARING: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on January 30, 2006, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.