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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,

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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