

Thursday, March 29, 2007*CPP Subcommittee on Polar Issues*

Open Session (8–9 a.m.)

- Approval of November Minutes
- Subcommittee Chairman's Remarks
- The Oden in Antarctica
- NSB Resolutions and the NAS/NRC

Report on Polar Icebreakers

- Legislation Implementing Antarctic Treaty Measures on Liability and Tourism

CPP Task Force on International Science

Open Session (9–10 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes
- Task Force Chairman's Comments
- Overview of the Task Force

Roundtable Discussion on International Science and Engineering Partnerships held March 9, 2007 in Brussels, and the Task Force discussion held March 13, 2007 in Trieste

- Summary of the Conference of Women Leaders in Science, Technology, and Engineering held January 8–10, 2007 in Kuwait

- Presentation on National Academies of Science report, The Fundamental Role of Science and Technology in International Development: An Imperative for the U.S. Agency for International Development

- Discussion of future Task Force activities

CPP Task Force on Transformative Research

Open Session (10–10:30 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes for November 2006 Meeting
- Task Force Chairman's Remarks
- Final Draft Report for Board Review and Approval, Enhancing Support of Transformative Research at the National Science Foundation

EHR Subcommittee on Science and Engineering Indicators

Open Session (10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)

- Approval of November Minutes
- Subcommittee Chairman's Remarks
- Review of Elementary and

Secondary Education chapter: Chapter 1

- Review of State Indicators chapter: Chapter 8
- Condensed Version of Indicators
- Key Findings: K–12 chapter,

Chapter 1

- Key Findings: State chapter,

Chapter 8

- Parallel discussion of Science and Engineering Indicators 2010: Status
- State Considerations
- Industry Considerations

- Subcommittee Chairman's summary

Committee on Strategy and Budget

Open Session (2–3 p.m.)

- Approval of February 8, 2007 CSB Minutes
- Chairman's Remarks
- Status of NSF Budget Request and Congressional Testimony
- Update on the Impacts of the NSB Policy to Eliminate Cost-Sharing on Grants
- Findings from NSF Working Group on the Impact of Proposal and Award Management Mechanisms (IPAMM)

Committee on Programs and Plans

Open Session (3–5 p.m.)

- Approval of Minutes
- Committee Chairman's Remarks
- Status Report: Task Force on International Science
- Subcommittee on Polar Issues
- Task Force on Transformative Research
- Final Report and Recommendations
- Request for Information: Recompensation, Operations and Management Costs for NSF Contracts, Cooperative Agreements and Grants
- Potential Impacts to the MREFC Program from the Realities of the FY 2007 Budget and the FY 2008 Request.
- NSB Information Item: Update on the Division of Astronomical Sciences Senior Review

Closed Session (5–6 p.m.)

- NSB Action Item: National Optical Astronomy Observatory and the National Solar Observatory
- NSB Action Item: National Astronomy and Ionosphere Center

Friday, March 30, 2007*Committee on Audit and Oversight*

Open Session (8–10 a.m.)

- Approval of Minutes of February 2007 Meeting
- Committee Chairman's Opening Remarks
- Report to the Board on the NSF Merit Review Process, FY 2006
- Chief Operating Officer's Update
- Chief Financial Officer's Update
- NSF Audit Resolution Practices and Procedures
- FY2006 Financial Statement Audit Corrective Action Plan Update
- FY2007 Financial Statement Audit update
- OIG comments on FY2006 and FY2007 Financial Statement Audit matters
- Committee Chairman's closing Remarks

Closed Session (10–10:30 a.m.)

- Pending Investigations

Committee on Education and Human Resources

Open Session (10:30 a.m.–12 noon)

- Approval of February 2007 Minutes
- Committee Chairman's Remarks
- Update on Modifications of NSF–EHR Directorate Organization and Interagency Discussions
- Subcommittee on Science and Engineering Indicators
- Summary and Follow-on to the Engineering Education Workshops
- NSB Executive Officer's Report

Plenary Executive Closed

Closed Session (1–1:10 p.m.)

- Approval of February 2007 Minutes
- Member Proposal
- Honorary Award

Plenary Closed

Closed Session (1:10–1:20 p.m.)

- Approval of February 2007 Minutes
- Awards and Agreements
- Closed Committee Reports

Plenary Open

Open Session (1:20–3 p.m.)

- Approval of February 2007 Minutes
- Resolution to Close May 2007

Meeting

- Chairman's Report
- Board Discussion: STEM Education Commission
- Director's Report
- Open Committee Report

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 72–7 and 50–255]

License No. DPR–20, Nuclear Management Company, LLC; Notice of Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, has issued a director's decision with regard to a petition dated April 4, 2006, filed by Mr. Terry J. Lodge, on behalf of five organizations and 30 individuals, hereinafter referred to as the Petitioners. Representatives for the Petitioners participated in a telephone conference call with NRC's Petition Review Board (PRB) on April 26, 2006, to discuss the

petition. The teleconference was transcribed and the transcription was treated as a supplement to the petition. Transcripts of the teleconference are available via the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) on the agency's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, and for inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O-1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. The petition concerns the operation of the independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) at the Palisades Nuclear Plant.

The Petitioners requested that the NRC take enforcement action against the licensee for the Palisades Nuclear Plant, Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC), by condemning and stopping the use of the two independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) concrete pads holding dry spent fuel storage casks on the plant site.

As the basis for the petition, the Petitioners stated that the concrete cask storage pads do not conform with NRC regulations for earthquake stability, specifically 10 CFR 72.212(b)(2)(i)(B) and 72.212(b)(3), and, therefore, pose a hazard in case of an earthquake. The Petitioners asserted that the licensee's evaluations of the older and newer concrete storage pads did not properly consider the behavior of the soil beneath the pads in determining the effects on the storage casks as a result of a seismic event.

On April 26, 2006, the NRC staff's PRB held a teleconference with the Petitioners. The teleconference gave the Petitioners an opportunity to provide additional information and to clarify issues raised in the petition. During the teleconference, the Petitioners requested additional time to submit a supplement to the petition, and the PRB agreed to the request, as documented in a letter to the Petitioners, dated May 4, 2006. However, no supplement was submitted. On June 27, 2006, the NRC staff informed the Petitioners by letter that the issue regarding the seismic response of the older ISFSI pad, and the issue of soil amplification for the newer pad, had been previously resolved and would not be considered under 10 CFR 2.206. In that same letter, the staff informed the Petitioners that the issue regarding the slope stability analysis for the newer pad was accepted for review under 10 CFR 2.206. The transcript of the teleconference and the letters are available in ADAMS, as stated above.

On November 28, 2006, the NRC sent a copy of the proposed director's decision to the Petitioners and to the

licensee for comment. At the request of the Petitioners, the NRC extended the end of the comment period from January 5, 2007, to February 2, 2007. The Petitioners submitted comments by electronic mail on February 2, 2007. The comments and the staff's responses to them are available electronically through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>, under docket number 07200007.

The Director of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards has determined that the Petitioners' request, to condemn and stop the use of the two ISFSI concrete pads holding dry spent fuel storage casks at the Palisades site, is denied. The NRC staff has concluded that the Petitioners' concerns have been adequately addressed by the licensee's revised slope stability evaluation for the newer concrete storage pad. The reasons for this decision are explained in the director's decision [DD-07-02] pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 2.206, the complete text of which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O-1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC's Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

A copy of the director's decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. As provided for by this regulation, the director's decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of the decision, unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the director's decision in that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of March 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jack R. Strosnider,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Availability Concerning Technical Specification Improvement To Add an Action Statement for Two Inoperable Control Room Air Conditioning Subsystems to the Technical Specifications Using the Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the staff of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has prepared a model Application related to changes to the Standard Technical Specifications (STS), Section 3.7.5 (STS 3.7.4 for BWR/6), "Control Room Air Conditioning (AC) System" for NUREG-1433 (BWR/4) and NUREG-1434 (BWR/6), Rev. 3.0. The changes add an Action Statement to Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) (LCO 3.7.5 for BWR/4 and LCO 3.7.4 for BWR/6). The new Action Statement allows a finite time to restore one control room AC subsystem to operable status and requires verification that control room temperature remains < 90°F every 4 hours. The proposed changes would also revise the Bases for STS 3.7.5 (STS 3.7.4 for BWR/6).

The NRC staff has also prepared a model safety evaluation (SE) and no significant hazards consideration (NSHC) determination relating to this matter. The purpose of these models is to permit the NRC to efficiently process amendments that propose to adopt the associated changes into plant-specific technical specifications (TS). Licensees of nuclear power reactors to which the models apply may request amendments confirming the applicability of the SE and NSHC determination to their reactors.

DATES: The NRC staff issued a **Federal Register** Notice (71 FR 75774, December 18, 2006) that provided a model SE and a model NSHC determination relating to adding an action statement for two inoperable control room AC subsystems to the plant specific TS. The NRC staff hereby announces that the model SE and NSHC determination may be referenced in plant-specific applications to adopt the changes. The staff has posted a model application on the NRC Web site to assist licensees in using the consolidated line item improvement process (CLIIP) to revise the Standard Technical Specifications (STS), Section 3.7.5, "Control Room Air Conditioning (AC) System." The NRC staff can most efficiently consider applications based