

the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.309, which is available at the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/>. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or a presiding officer designated by the Commission or by the Chief Administrative Judge of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the Chief Administrative Judge of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of a hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.309, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following general requirements: (1) The name, address and telephone number of the requestor or petitioner; (2) the nature of the requestor's/petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (3) the nature and extent of the requestor's/petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (4) the possible effect of any decision or order which may be entered in the proceeding on the requestors/petitioner's interest. The petition must also identify the specific contentions which the petitioner/requestor seeks to have litigated at the proceeding.

Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner/requestor shall provide a brief explanation of the bases for the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention

and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner/requestor must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. The petition must include sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner/requestor who fails to satisfy these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing.

If a hearing is requested, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held. If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment. If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

Nontimely requests and/or petitions and contentions will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission or the presiding officer of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition, request and/or the contentions should be granted based on a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i)-(viii).

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed by: (1) First class mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff; (2) courier, express mail, and expedited delivery services: Office of the Secretary, Sixteenth Floor, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff; (3) e-mail

addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, [HEARINGDOCKET@NRC.GOV](mailto:HEARINGDOCKET@NRC.GOV); or (4) facsimile transmission addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff at (301) 415-1101, verification number is (301) 415-1966. A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and it is requested that copies be transmitted either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-3725 or by e-mail to [OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov](mailto:OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov). A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to George L. Edgar, Esq., Morgan, Lewis and Bockius, 1800 M Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, the attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated March 22, 2006, as supplemented by letter dated September 12, 2006, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, File Public Area O1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of March 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Mohan C. Thadani,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 178th meeting on April 10-12, 2007, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

**Tuesday, April 10, 2007**

*10:30 a.m.–10:35 p.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW Chairman (Open)*—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

*10:35 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: Status of Overall Geologic Repository Program at Yucca Mountain: Views of the Director of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (Open)*—Mr. Edward F. (Ward) Sproat will provide the Committee with his views regarding progress being made by DOE in completing a Licence Application necessary for an NRC construction authorization for a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

*1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.: Staff Briefing on International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Requirements Document WS-R-4: Design and Operation of Facilities for Geological Disposal of Radioactive Waste (Open)*—The Committee will hear a briefing by staff from NRC's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) regarding the final IAEA document that is intended to provide guidance to policymakers, regulators, and operators concerned with the development and regulatory control of geologic disposal facilities for the management of long-lived radioactive waste.

*2:45 p.m.–3:30 p.m.: Interim Staff Guidance (ISG)—3: Preclosure Safety Analysis—Dose Performance Objectives and Radiation Protection Program to supplement the Yucca Mountain Review Plan (Open)*—The NRC staff from the Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety (DHLWRS) will brief the Committee on ISG-03, Preclosure Safety Analysis—Dose Performance Objectives and Radiation Protection Program for the staff review of consequence estimates for the preclosure safety analysis and the associated radiation protection program.

*3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.: Proposed Revision to Standard Review Plan Chapters 11.3 and 11.4 for New Reactor Licensing (Open)*—The NRC staff from the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) will brief the Committee on the proposed revisions to NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," Chapter 11.3, "Gaseous Waste Management Systems" and Chapter 11.4, "Solid Waste Management Systems," in support of new reactor licensing.

*4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.: Discussion of ACNW Letter Reports (Open)*—The

Committee will discuss potential and proposed ACNW letter reports.

**Wednesday, April 11, 2007**

*9 a.m.–9:05 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW Chairman (Open)*—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

*9:05 a.m.–10:30 a.m.: Path Forward on an In-situ Leach (ISL) Rulemaking—Summary of Meetings with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and National Mining Association (NMA)—Next Steps (Open)*—The NRC staff from the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) will brief the Committee on their efforts in developing a path forward for a rulemaking on groundwater protection at ISL sites.

*10:45 a.m.–11:45 a.m.: Briefing on MARSAME Manual (Open)*—The NRC staff from the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) will brief the Committee on the Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Assessment of Materials and Equipment Manual (MARSAME) Draft Report for Comment.

*1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.: Scope and Methodology of the Government Accountability Office (GAO)'s ongoing review of the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP) effort (Open)*—A GAO representative will brief the Committee on the scope and methodology of their current review of the GNEP effort.

*2:45 p.m.–3:30 p.m.: Discussion of ACNW Letter Reports (Open)*—The Committee will continue discussion of potential and proposed ACNW letter reports.

**Thursday, April 12, 2007**

*8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACNW Chairman (Open)*—The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

*8:35 a.m.–10:30 a.m.: ACNW White Paper on Igneous Activity (Open)*—A followup discussion from ACNW February 2007 working group meeting on igneous activity, general review of observations, revisions, and summary conclusions for the White Paper on Igneous Activity at Yucca Mountain.

*10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.: Update on West Valley Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Open)*—The NRC staff from the Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) will update the Committee on new analysis being considered for inclusion in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the

West Valley Nuclear Fuel Services Center in New York.

*1 p.m.–2 p.m.: Discussion of ACNW Letter Reports (Open)*—The Committee will continue discussion of potential and proposed ACNW letter reports.

*2 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 content of future letters and scope of future Committee Meetings.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 12, 2006 (71 FR 60196). 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 Mr. Antonio F. Dias (Telephone 301-415-6805), between 8:15 a.m. and 5 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 Mr. Dias 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 Mr. Dias.

ACNW meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto: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: March 22, 2007.

**Annette L. Vietti-Cook,**  
Secretary of the Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Digital Instrumentation and Control Systems; Notice of Meeting**

The ACRS Subcommittee on Digital Instrumentation and Control Systems will hold a meeting on April 18, 2007, 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, April 18, 2007—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will (1) review DL-1151, Risk-Informed Digital System Reviews and (2) discuss issues related to the SRM assignment on digital systems. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff 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. Charles G. Hammer, (Telephone: 301-415-7363) 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 6:45 a.m. and 3:30 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: March 22, 2007.

**Michael Junge,**

Acting Branch Chief, ACRS.

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## **OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION**

### **April 19, 2007, Public Hearing**

*Time and Date:* 2 p.m., Thursday, April 19, 2007.

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

*Status:* Hearing open to the public at 2 p.m.

*Purpose:* Public Hearing in conjunction with each meeting of OPIC's Board of Directors, to afford an opportunity for any person to present views regarding the activities of the Corporation.

#### *Procedures:*

Individual's wishing to address the hearing orally must provide advance notice to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m., Friday, April 13, 2007. The notice must include the individual's name, title, organization, address, and telephone number, and a concise summary of the subject matter to be presented.

Oral presentations may not exceed ten (10) minutes. The time for individual presentations may be reduced proportionately, if necessary, to afford all participants who have submitted a timely request to participate an opportunity to be heard.

Participants wishing to submit a written statement for the record must submit a copy of such statement to OPIC's Corporate Secretary no later than 5 p.m., Friday, April 13, 2007. Such statements must be typewritten, double-spaced, and may not exceed twenty-five (25) pages.

Upon receipt of the required notice, OPIC will prepare an agenda for the hearing identifying speakers, setting forth the subject on which each participant will speak, and the time allotted for each presentation. The agenda will be available at the hearing.

A written summary of the hearing will be compiled, and such summary will be made available, upon written request to OPIC's Corporate Secretary, at the cost of reproduction.

#### **CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:**

Information on the hearing 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](mailto:cdown@opic.gov).

Dated: March 26, 2007.

**Connie M. Downs,**

OPIC Corporation Secretary.

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## **RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Title and purpose of information collection:* Public Service Pension Questionnaires; OMB 3220-0136.

Public Law 95-216 amended the Social Security Act of 1977 by providing, in part, that spouse or survivor benefits may be reduced when the beneficiary is in receipt of a pension based on employment with a Federal, State, or local governmental unit. Initially, the reduction was equal to the full amount of the government pension.

Public Law 98-21 changed the reduction to two-thirds of the amount of the government pension. Public Law 108-203 amended the Social Security Act by changing the requirement for exemption to public service offset, that Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) taxes be deducted from the public service wages for the last 60 months of public service employment, rather than just the last day of public service employment.

Sections 4(a)(1) and 4(f)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA) provides that a spouse or survivor annuity should be equal in amount to what the annuitant would receive if entitled to a like benefit from the Social Security