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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John P. Segala, Chief, Balance of Plant Branch 1, Division of Safety Systems and Risk Assessment, Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone at 301-415-1992 or e-mail [john.segala@nrc.gov](mailto:john.segala@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agency posts its issued staff guidance in the agency external Web page (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/isg/>), ADAMS Accession No. ML092640035.

The NRC staff is issuing this notice to solicit public comments on the proposed DC/COL-ISG-021. After the NRC staff considers any public comments, it will make a determination regarding the proposed DC/COL-ISG-021.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of January 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**William F. Burton,**

*Branch Chief, Rulemaking and Guidance Development Branch, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2009-0550]

### Notice of Extension of Comment Period for NUREG-1921, EPRI/NRC-RES Fire Human Reliability Analysis Guidelines, Draft Report for Comment

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued for public comment a document entitled "NUREG-1921 (EPRI 1019196), EPRI/NRC-RES Fire Human Reliability Analysis Guidelines, Draft Report for Comment" (December 11, 2009; 74 FR 65810). This document extends the public comment period from February 15, 2010, to March 19, 2010.

**DATES:** The public comment period closes on March 19, 2010. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC staff is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please include Docket ID NRC-2009-0550 in the subject line of your comments. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC Web site and on the Federal rulemaking Web site [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

*Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2009-0550. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher 301-492-3668; e-mail [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov).

*Mail comments to:* Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rulemaking and Directives Branch (RDB), Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-

B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by fax to RDB at (301) 492-3446.

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*Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Public comments and supporting materials related to this notice can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching on Docket ID: NRC-2009-0550.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kendra Hill, Division of Risk Analysis, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: 301-251-3300, e-mail: [Kendra.Hill@nrc.gov](mailto:Kendra.Hill@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NUREG-1921 (EPRI 1019196), "EPRI/NRC-RES Fire Human Reliability Analysis Guidelines, Draft Report for Comment" was written as a collaborative effort by the NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) to provide guidance on how to perform the human reliability analysis (HRA) for a fire probabilistic risk analysis. In 2007, EPRI and NRC-RES embarked on a cooperative project to develop explicit guidance for estimating human error probabilities for human error events under fire generated conditions, building upon existing HRA methods. This report describes the methodology and guidance developed through this project. This report includes guidance on addressing the range of fire procedures used in existing plants, the

range of strategies for main control room abandonment, and the potential impact of fire-induced spurious electrical effects on crew performance.

Due to the detailed nature of the processes described in this report and the level of effort required to provide a quality review, a request was submitted to the NRC for an extension of the public comment period for NUREG-1921 (EPRI 1019196). NRC-RES reviewed this request and has agreed to extend the public comment period an additional 32 days to March 19, 2010.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of January, 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Mark Salley,**

*Chief, Fire Research Branch, Division of Risk Analysis, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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## POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT:** 75 FR 4429 (January 27, 2010).

**PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE:** Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 11 a.m.

**CHANGES IN THE MEETING:** The Commission is adding item no. 13—discussion of confidential commercial information relative to a potential Commission contract (closed) to its February meeting agenda. This action is being taken pursuant to a determination of the Commission, by recorded vote, as to the need for the change in the agenda, the status of the new agenda item, and the inability to provide earlier notice. There is a related General Counsel certification as to the appropriateness of closing agenda item no. 13 to public observation.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, Postal Regulatory Commission, at 202-789-6820 or [stephen.sharfman@prc.gov](mailto:stephen.sharfman@prc.gov).

*Dated:* February 1, 2010.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**

*Secretary.*

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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[License No. 01/01-0414]

### Ironwood Mezzanine Fund II, L.P.; Notice Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest

Notice is hereby given that Ironwood Mezzanine Fund II, L.P. 200 Fisher Drive, Avon, CT 06001-3723, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (“the Act”), in connection with the financing of a small concern, has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and Section 107.730, Financings which Constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 107.730). Ironwood Mezzanine Fund II, L.P. proposes to provide debt/equity security financing to Action Carting Environmental Services, Inc., 451 Frelinghuysen Avenue, Newark, NJ 07114. The financing is contemplated as part of a debt/equity issuance, the proceeds of which will be used for planned acquisitions.

The financing is brought within the purview of § 107.730(a) of the Regulations because Ironwood Equity Fund, L.P., an Associate of Ironwood Mezzanine Fund II, L.P., owns more than ten percent of Action Carting Environmental Services, Inc., and this transaction is considered a Financing of an Associate requiring an exemption to the Regulations.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction, within 15 days of the date of publication, to the Associate Administrator for Investment, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416.

*Dated:* January 19, 2010.

**Sean Greene,**

*Associate Administrator for Investment.*

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## OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### Grand Challenges of the 21st Century; Request for Information

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On September 21, 2009, President Barack Obama released his “Strategy for American Innovation.” The strategy outlines the Administration’s plans to foster innovation for sustainable growth and the creation of high-quality jobs.

One of the goals of the President’s strategy is to harness science and technology to address the “grand challenges” of the 21st century. This Request for Information (RFI) is designed to collect input from the public regarding (1) The grand challenges that were identified in the strategy document; (2) other grand challenges that the Administration should consider, such as those identified by the National Academy of Engineering; (3) partners (e.g., companies, investors, foundations, social enterprises, non-profit organizations, philanthropists, research universities, consortia, etc.) that are interested in collaborating with each other and the Administration to achieve one or more of these goals, and (4) models for creating an “architecture of participation” that allows many individuals and organizations to contribute to these grand challenges.

**RFI Guidelines:** Responses to this RFI should be submitted by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on April 15, 2010. Responses to this RFI must be delivered electronically as an attachment to an e-mail sent to [challenge@ostp.gov](mailto:challenge@ostp.gov).

Responses to this notice are not offers and cannot be accepted by the Government to form a binding contract or issue a grant. Information obtained as a result of this RFI may be used by the government for program planning on a non-attribution basis. Do not include any information that might be considered proprietary or confidential.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any questions about the content of this RFI should be sent to [challenge@ostp.gov](mailto:challenge@ostp.gov).

Additional information regarding this RFI is at <http://www.ostp.gov/grandchallenges/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Obama Administration believes that grand challenges should be an important organizing principle for America’s science, technology and innovation policy. Grand challenges can address key national priorities, catalyze economic growth and quality jobs, spur the formation of multidisciplinary teams of researcher and multi-sector collaborators, bring new expertise to bear on important problems, strengthen the “social contract” between science and society, and inspire students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

There are multiple types of grand challenges. Some define important problems in a particular field of science and engineering. For example, in 1900, the German mathematics professor David Hilbert posed 23 “mathematical