

the Chairman of November 10, 2009. Additionally, discussion concerning purely personal information about individuals, submitted with grant applications, such as personal biographical and salary data or medical information, may be conducted by the Council in closed session in accordance with subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from the Office of Communications, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, at 202/682-5570.

Dated: March 16, 2010.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Office of Guidelines and Panel Operations.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Federal Advisory Committee on International Exhibitions

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Federal Advisory Committee on International Exhibitions (FACIE) will be held on April 8, 2010 in Room 714 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506 (ending time is approximate). This meeting, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., is for application review and will be closed.

The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of November 10, 2009, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: March 16, 2010.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Geosciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Geosciences (1755).

Dates: April 14, 2010; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

April 15, 2010 8:30, a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Place: Stafford I, Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia. 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Melissa Lane, National Science Foundation, Suite 705, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230. Phone 703-292-8500.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for environmental research and education.

Agenda

April 14

- Directorate activities and plans
- Division Subcommittee Meetings
- Education & Diversity Subcommittee Meeting
- Meeting with the Director

April 15

- Discussion of GEO International Activities
- Discussion of FY 2011 NSF Investments
- Subcommittee Reports
- Action Items/Planning for Fall Meeting

Dated: March 16, 2010.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

NAME: Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering (#25104).

DATE/TIME: April 19, 2010—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

April 20, 2010—8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

PLACE: National Science Foundation, 4121 Wilson Boulevard, Room 555, Arlington, VA.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

CONTACT PERSON: Edward Murdy, National Science Foundation, 4121 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 (703) 292-8710.

If you are attending the meeting and need access to the NSF, please contact the individual listed above so your name may be added to the building access list.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: To provide advice on the programs and activities of the Office of International Science and Engineering.

Agenda

April 19, 2010

AM: Introductions and Updates—Presentation and Discussion of 2010 activities.

PM: Presentation and Discussion—Meet with NSF Director; Committee Discussion.

April 20, 2010

AM: Presentation and Discussion—Activities and initiatives for the coming year. Planning for the next meeting.

Dated: March 16, 2010.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Board; Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

The National Science Board's Task Force on Merit Review, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR Part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business and other matters specified, as follows:

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 25 at 11 a.m. EDT.

SUBJECT MATTER: Discussion of task force charge and work plan.

STATUS: Open.

This meeting will be held by teleconference originating at the National Science Board Office, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Room 1225 will be available to the public to listen to this teleconference meeting. All visitors must contact the Board Office at least

one day prior to the meeting to arrange for a visitor's badge. Call 703-292-7000 to request your badge, which will be ready for pick-up at the visitor's desk on the day of the meeting. All visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive their visitor's badge the day of the teleconference.

Please refer to the National Science Board Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>) for information or schedule updates, or contact: Elizabeth Strickland, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-7000.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287; NRC-2010-0102]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Renewed Facility Operating Licenses DPR-38, DPR-47, and DPR-55, issued to Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (the licensee), for operation of the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, located in Oconee County, South Carolina.

The proposed amendment would change the Technical Specifications (TSs) to allow the use of methodology report DPC-NE-1006-P, "Oconee Nuclear Design Methodology Using CASMO-4/SIMULATE-3." The amendment application dated June 10, 2009, as supplemented December 18, 2009, contains sensitive unclassified non-safeguards information (SUNSI).

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in Title 10

of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

(1) Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed change to allow the use of the CASMO-4/SIMULATE-3 reload design software to analyze reactor cores with fuel containing lumped burnable and/or gadolinia integral absorbers does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated. The CASMO-4/SIMULATE-3 codes are used to perform reactivity and power distribution calculations to develop power distribution limits and provide confirmation of reactivity and power distribution input assumptions used in the evaluation of UFSAR Chapter 15 accidents. The SIMULATE-3 code is also used to confirm the acceptability of thermal limits at post accident conditions.

The benchmark calculations performed verified the acceptability of the CASMO-4/SIMULATE-3 code for performing reload design calculations for reactor cores containing both lumped burnable and/or gadolinia integral absorbers. These calculations confirmed the accuracy of the codes and developed a methodology for calculating power distribution uncertainties for use in reload design calculations. The use of appropriate power distribution uncertainties applicable to core designs in conjunction with predicted peaking factors ensures that thermal accident acceptance criteria are satisfied.

Therefore, the proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

(2) Create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The benchmark calculations performed verified the acceptability of the CASMO-4/SIMULATE-3 code for performing reload design calculations for reactor cores containing both lumped burnable and/or gadolinia integral absorbers. These calculations confirmed the accuracy of the codes and developed a methodology for calculating power distribution uncertainties for use in reload design calculations.

The application of the CASMO-4/SIMULATE-3 reload design software to perform reload design calculations for reactor cores containing lumped burnable and/or gadolinia integral absorbers will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of

accident from any accident previously evaluated. The CASMO-4/SIMULATE-3 software is not installed in plant equipment and therefore the software is incapable of initiating an equipment malfunction that would result in a new or different type of accident from any previously evaluated. The evaluation of accidents and the associated acceptance criteria for these accidents remains unchanged.

(3) Involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The application of the CASMO-4/SIMULATE-3 reload design software to perform reload design calculations for reactor cores containing lumped burnable and/or gadolinia integral absorbers will not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Margin of safety is related to the confidence in the ability of the fission product barriers to perform their design function during and following an accident. These barriers include the fuel cladding, the reactor coolant system and the containment system. The reload design process assures the acceptability of thermal limits under normal, transient, and accident conditions. The CASMO-4/SIMULATE-reload design software was qualified for the analysis of reactor cores containing lumped burnable and/or gadolinia integral absorbers and a methodology for developing appropriate power distribution uncertainties for application in reload design analyses was developed. The use of these uncertainties for analysis of reload cores ensures that design and safety limits are satisfied such that the fission product barriers perform their design function.

Therefore, the proposed amendment does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of 60 days after the date of publication of this notice. The Commission may issue the license amendment before expiration of the 60-day period provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. In addition, the Commission may issue the amendment prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period should circumstances change during the 30-day comment period such that failure to act in a