

awardee codes of conduct, policies, regulations or statutes relating to sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, or sexual assault; and (2) if the awardee places the PI, or any co-PI on administrative leave² relating to a finding or investigation of a violation of awardee codes of conduct, policies, regulations or statutes relating to sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, or sexual assault.³ Such notification must be submitted by the Authorized Organization Representative via email to NSF's Office of Diversity and Inclusion at: harassmentnotifications@nsf.gov within seven business days from the date of the finding/determination or the awardee's placement of the PI or co-PI on administrative leave. Each notification must include the following information:

- NSF Award Number
- Name of PI/or co-PI being reported:
- Type of Report: Select
 - Finding/Determination that the reported individual has been found to have violated awardee codes of conduct, policies, regulations or statutes relating to sexual harassment, or other form of harassment, or sexual assault; or
 - Placement by the awardee of the reported individual on administrative leave relating to a finding or investigation of a violation of awardee codes of conduct, policies, regulations or statutes relating to sexual harassment, or other form of harassment, or sexual assault.
- Description of the finding/determination and action taken, if any.
- Reason(s) for, and conditions of, placement of the PI or any co-PI on administrative leave.
- Plan for continued oversight and implementation of the project during the administrative leave period of the reported PI or co-PI.

The awardee may at any time propose a substitute investigator if it determines the PI or any co-PI may not be able to carry out the project or activity and/or abide by award terms and conditions.

Other personnel supported by an NSF award must likewise remain in full

compliance with awardee codes of conduct, policies, regulations and statutes relating to sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, or sexual assault. With regard to any personnel not in compliance, the awardee must make appropriate arrangements to ensure the safety of other award personnel and the continued progress of the funded project.

Taking into account the seriousness of the violation(s) and the importance of maintaining the safety of personnel supported by an NSF award, the Foundation may take unilateral action, as appropriate, to require the substitution or removal of the PI or any co-PI, suspension or termination of the award, or a reduction in the award funding amount.

End of Proposed Article X

Implementation: Upon receipt and resolution of all comments, it is NSF's intention to implement the new term through revision of the NSF Agency Specific Requirements to the Research Terms and Conditions, the Grant General Conditions, and the Cooperative Agreement—Financial and Administrative Terms and Conditions. The new term and condition will be applied to all new NSF awards and funding amendments to existing awards made on or after the effective date. This new reporting requirement will apply to all findings/determinations that occur on or after the effective date of the terms and conditions. With regard to notification of placement on administrative leave, the awardee must notify NSF within seven business days from the date the awardee determines that placement on administrative leave is necessary.

NSF also plans to incorporate the new award term into the next issuance of the *NSF Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide*, as well as to implement an electronic notification capability in *Research.gov*.

Dated: February 28, 2018.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

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requisite information to the awardee, which will then transmit it to NSF as instructed above.

²For purposes of this term and condition, "administrative leave" includes any administrative action by the awardee that could impact the PI's or any co-PI's ability to fulfill their responsibilities on the award.

³Awardee findings/determinations and placement on administrative leave during investigation must have been conducted in accordance with organizational processes and policies that are consistent with federal law and regulation. See, e.g., *NSF Research Terms and Conditions, Appendix C*.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Week of March 5, 2018

Thursday, March 8, 2018

10:00 a.m. Meeting with the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (Public Meeting); (Contact: Sophie Holiday: 301-415-7865).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

Week of March 12, 2018—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of March 12, 2018.

Week of March 19, 2018—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of March 19, 2018.

Week of March 26, 2018—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of March 26, 2018.

Week of April 2, 2018—Tentative

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

10:30 a.m. Discussion of Management and Personnel Issues (Closed Ex. 2, 6, & 9).

Thursday, April 5, 2018

10:00 a.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (Public); (Contact: Mark Banks: 301-415-3718).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

Week of April 9, 2018—Tentative

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

10:00 a.m. Briefing on the Annual Threat Environment (Closed Ex. 1).

Thursday, April 12, 2018

9:00 a.m. Briefing on Accident Tolerant Fuel (Public); (Contact: Andrew Proffitt: 301-415-1418).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

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The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. For more information or to verify the status of meetings, contact Denise McGovern at 301-415-0681 or via email at Denise.McGovern@nrc.gov.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

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Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

DATE: Weeks of March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 2018.

need a reasonable accommodation to participate in these public meetings, or need this meeting notice or the transcript or other information from the public meetings in another format (e.g., braille, large print), please notify Kimberly Meyer-Chambers, NRC Disability Program Manager, at 301-287-0739, by videophone at 240-428-3217, or by email at Kimberly.Meyer-Chambers@nrc.gov. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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Members of the public may request to receive this information electronically. If you would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969), or you may email Patricia.Jimenez@nrc.gov or Wendy.Moore@nrc.gov.

Dated: March 1, 2018.

Denise L. McGovern,
Policy Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2018-0040]

Aluminum High Energy Arc Fault (HEAF) Particle Size Characterization

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed draft test plan; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is making the proposed draft test plan, "Aluminum High Energy Arc Fault (HEAF) Particle Size Characterization Test Plan—Draft Test Plan," available for public comment.

DATES: Submit comments by April 4, 2018. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods (unless this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specific subject):

- **Federal Rulemaking website:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2018-0040. Address questions about NRC dockets to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the

individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **Mail comments to:** May Ma, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gabriel Taylor, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0781; email: Gabriel.Taylor@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2018-0040 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking website:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2018-0040.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The proposed draft test plan, "Aluminum High Energy Arc Fault (HEAF) Particle Size Characterization Test Plan—Draft Test Plan" is available electronically under ADAMS Accession No. ML18036A448.

- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2018-0040 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment

submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Discussion

The NRC has identified a potential generic issue associated with electrical equipment containing component made of aluminum. If the identified equipment were to experience a HEAF the presence of aluminum may cause greater damage to structures, systems, and components than previous analyses indicated. This generic issue has met all seven screening criteria of the generic issues program and is currently in the assessment phase (ADAMS Accession No. ML16349A027). To better understand the impact of aluminum, the NRC is sponsoring large- and small-scale testing. The large-scale testing will be undertaken as part of an international effort and the draft test plan for that program is publicly available (ADAMS Accession No. ML17201Q551).

The purpose of this draft test plan is characterize aluminum particle size distribution, rates of production and morphology (agglomeration) of HEAFs involving aluminum conductors. The measurements from these experiments will be used to support development of a HEAF/Aluminum combustion energy balance model to better characterize the aluminum HEAF hazard. This modeling effort will support advancements to quantify hazards HEAF pose to nuclear power plant risk. The small-scale testing is expected to be performed prior to any full-scale testing. The results from the small-scale work is expected to help inform to the large-scale test results and to support evaluation of the numerical method predictive capability. Model development is outside the scope of this test plan and is expected to be completed by a third party. This draft test plan has been developed by Sandia National Laboratories.

The NRC is seeking public comment in order to receive feedback from the widest range of interested parties and to ensure that all information relevant to