

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nanoscale Science, Engineering, and Technology (NSET) Subcommittee coordinates planning, budgeting, and program implementation and review to ensure a balanced and comprehensive National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI). The NSET Subcommittee is composed of representatives from agencies participating in the NNI. The NNCO provides technical and administrative support to the NSET Subcommittee in its work.

On September 15, 2006, the NSET Subcommittee released a document identifying environmental, health, and safety research and information needs related to understanding and management of potential risks of nanomaterials. The document was created by the Nanotechnology Environmental and Health Implications (NEHI) Working Group of the NSET Subcommittee, which is composed of scientists and other agency representatives. The document also reflects expert input from industry liaison groups and other research needs-identification efforts.

This foundational document will be used by the NSET Subcommittee and the Federal agencies participating in the NNI as they set research priorities for Government-funded research programs.

The meeting is an opportunity for public participation in the prioritization of research related to environmental, health, and safety aspects of nanomaterials. Specific comment on research needs and prioritization criteria in the Environmental, Health, and Safety Research Needs for Engineered Nanoscale Materials document and input regarding the criteria for evaluating research priorities is welcome. (To read the document, see http://www.nano.gov/NNI_EHS_research_needs.pdf.)

The public meeting will be chaired by leadership of the NEHI Working Group, the NSET Subcommittee, and the NNCO.

For more information on the National Nanotechnology Initiative and its various working entities, please visit www.nano.gov.

How Can You Participate?

You can participate through oral presentation at the meeting or through written electronic material submitted to the NNCO at http://www.nano.gov/public_ehs.html. The meeting is open to the public, up to the limit set by facility fire codes. Pre-registration is required for participation (see above).

How Will the Meeting Day Be Structured?

Due to significant interest in and the breadth of this subject, our plan is to organize the public meeting around subject areas, including research prioritization criteria and the five research areas identified in the Environmental, Health, and Safety Research Needs for Engineered Nanoscale Materials document: Instrumentation, Metrology, and Analytical Methods; Nanomaterials and Human Health; Nanomaterials and the Environment; Health and Environmental Surveillance; and Risk Management Methods. Speakers are requested to indicate which research area you wish to speak to; if you will direct your comments to topics outside of those identified above, please indicate that as well, so that you can be scheduled accordingly.

In addition to indicating the topical area of your presentation, please also provide a short description of the content you intend to cover. The final organization of the meeting may change depending on the nature of the requests for presentations that are received. The speaker schedule will be distributed before the meeting.

How Will Public Input Be Used?

All comments and recommendations made at the meeting or in written submissions will be considered by the NEHI Working Group as it proceeds with prioritizing the research needs. Input from multiple stakeholders with various interests will be valuable to the NNI, especially with regard to strategic and interim goals for filling the EHS information needs gaps for nanomaterials. The NSET Subcommittee and NNI member agencies plan to make the priority-setting process a dynamic, open, and transparent process.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-400]; [License Nos. Npf-63]

Carolina Power & Light Company; Receipt of Request for Action Under 10 Cfr 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by petition dated September 20, 2006, and its

supplements dated October 23, and October 30, 2006, Mr. John D. Runkle (attorney for the petitioners) has requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take action with regard to Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant (SHNPP). The petitioners request that NRC take enforcement action in the form of an Order that would revoke SHNPP's Operating License or impose maximum fines for each violation for each day the plant has been in violation of fire protection regulations.

As the basis for this request, the petitioners discuss several fire safety violations at SHNPP which could affect the safe operation of the plant and safe shutdown of the plant in emergency situations. The petitioners' concerns focus on faulty fire barriers, reliance on indefinite compensatory measures, the risk associated with the noncompliances, and the NRC's enforcement discretion policy. The petitioners have also requested open and public proceedings with the NRC; the licensee, Carolina Power & Light, now doing business as Progress Energy; and external stakeholders in the vicinity of the SHNPP.

The request is being treated pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations Section 2.206 (10 CFR 2.206) of the Commission's regulations. As provided by 10 CFR 2.206, the agency will take appropriate action on this petition within a reasonable time. A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (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 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

For Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of December 2006.

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