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Agency Mission: The National Council on Disability (NCD) is an independent federal agency composed of 15 members appointed by the President and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Its overall purpose is to promote policies, programs, practices, and procedures that guarantee equal opportunity for all people with disabilities, including people from culturally diverse backgrounds, regardless of the nature or significance of the disability; and to empower people with disabilities to achieve economic self-sufficiency, independent living, and inclusion and integration into all aspects of society.

Accommodations: Those needing sign language interpreters or other disability accommodations should notify NCD at least one week before this meeting.

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Dated: January 28, 2005.

Ethel D. Briggs,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Arts Advisory Panel

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 Arts Advisory Panel, Museums section (American Masterpieces category) to the National Council on the Arts will be held from February 23-25, 2005, in

Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on February 23rd and 24th, and from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on February 25th, will be closed. Please note that the ending day and time of this meeting is tentative, and the meeting may conclude on February 24th.

This meeting is 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 April 30, 2003, 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 this meeting 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: January 26, 2005.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

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

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Meeting

The National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC).

Date and Time: Tuesday, March 1, 2005, 2-3:30 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 1235, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed. The meeting is closed to the public because future fiscal year budgets will be discussed.

Contact Person: Charles E. Myers, Office of Polar Programs, Room 755, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone : (703) 292-8029.

Purpose of Committee: The Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee was established by Public Law 98-373, the Arctic Research and Policy Act, to help set priorities for future arctic research, assist in the development of national arctic research policy, prepare a multi-agency Plan for arctic research, and simplify coordination of arctic research.

Proposed Meeting Agenda Items:

1. U.S. Arctic Policy Review.
2. International Polar Year (IPY) Research Activities.
3. Discussion of Budget for IPY Activities.
4. Report of the Arctic Research Commission.

Charles E. Myers,

Head, Interagency Arctic Staff, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-395]

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station; Exemption

1.0 Background

The South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G, the licensee) is the holder of the Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-12 which authorizes operation of the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VSNS). The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of a pressurized-water reactor located in Fairfield County in South Carolina.

2.0 Request/Action

Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), part 50, section 50.44 specifies requirements for the control of hydrogen gas generated after a postulated loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) for reactors fueled with zirconium cladding. Acceptance criteria contained in 10 CFR 50.46 are for emergency core cooling systems (ECCSs) for reactors fueled with zircaloy or ZIRLO™ cladding. In addition, Appendix K to 10 CFR part 50 requires that the Baker-Just equation be used to predict the rates of energy release, hydrogen concentration, and cladding oxidation from the metal-water reaction.

In summary, the exemption request relates solely to the specific types of cladding material specified in these regulations. As written, the regulations presume the use of zircaloy or ZIRLO™ fuel rod cladding. Thus, an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and Appendix K to 10 CFR part 50 is needed to irradiate lead test assemblies (LTAs) consisting of developmental clad alloys at VSNS.