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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

President's Committee on the National Medal of Science; 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.

Date/Time: Tuesday, November 27, 2001 8:30 am–2 pm

Place: Room 370, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Mrs. Susan E. Fannoney, Program Manager, Room 1220, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/292–8096.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the President in the selection of the National Medal of Science recipients.

Agenda: To review and evaluate nominations as part of the selection process for awards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–186]

University of Missouri—Columbia; University of Missouri—Columbia Research Reactor; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Amended Facility License No. R–103, issued to the University of Missouri-Columbia (the licensee), for operation of the University of Missouri-Columbia Research Reactor (MURR), located in Columbia, Missouri.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would revise Amended Facility License No. R–103 to change the license expiration date from November 21, 2001, to October 11, 2006, to recapture the construction time between the issuance date of Construction Permit No. CPRR–68 (November 21, 1961) and issuance of Facility Operating License No. R–103 (October 11, 1966) to allow a 40-year operating license term.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated December 27, 2000, as supplemented by letters dated April 12 and June 6, 2001.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed to recapture the time spent under the construction permit to allow operation of the MURR reactor for a term of 40 years from the date of issuance of the facility license.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The MURR is located on a 7.5-acre lot in University Research Park, about one mile (1.6 km) southwest of the University of Missouri main campus in Columbia, Missouri. MURR is a pressurized, reflected, light-water moderated and cooled heterogeneous design reactor. The reactor is fueled with high-enriched, aluminum-clad, plate type fuel. The reactor has a maximum steady-state power level of 10 Megawatts thermal [MW(t)] with the reactor core located in a pressure vessel. The reactor pressure vessel is located in a cylindrically shaped pool and is covered by about 23 feet (7 m) of water during operation for radiation shielding. The reactor pool is surrounded by a biological shield. The reactor is located within a containment building.

The construction permit for the facility (CPRR–68) was issued to the University of Missouri on November 21, 1961. On October 11, 1966, Facility Operating License No. R–103 was issued to the University with a maximum power level of 5 MW(t). On July 9, 1974, Amendment No. 2 to the license was issued increasing the maximum operating power level to 10 MW(t). The facility normally operates on a 24-hour-a-day schedule with a shutdown once a week for refueling and maintenance.

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed amendment to change the expiration date of the facility license to recapture time between construction and operation to allow for a 40-year operating license term will not result in a significant increase in environmental impacts. The licensee has not requested any changes to the facility design or operating conditions as part of this amendment request. Data from the last ten years of operation was assessed to determine the radiological impact of the facility on the environment.

Environmental surveys are performed by measuring the exposure to 41 thermoluminescent dosimeters (TLDs) placed on and off site at various distances and directions from the facility. The results of this monitoring for all TLDs averaged by year from 1991 to 2000, and the TLD with maximum exposure (both do not include TLDs affected by shipping operations) is as follows:

Year	Average (mrem/yr)	Maximum (mrem/yr)
2000	−1.3	18.6
1999	13.5	43.5
1998	3.4	51.9
1997	9.2	34.8
1996	9.2	34.9
1995	14.6	44.2
1994	20.5	49.7
1993	18.1	28.2
1992	6.3	26.7
1991	4.4	27.3

The 2000 average is slightly negative due to the inadvertent exposure of a control TLD.

In addition, the licensee has calculated the dose to the individual member of the public likely to receive the highest dose from air emission of radioactive material to the environment to demonstrate compliance with 10 CFR 20.1101(d). This regulation provides as low as is reasonably achievable criteria for air emissions which must result in an individual member of the public receiving a total effective dose equivalent (TEDE) of less than 10 mrem per year. The results of calculations for the years 1991–2000, is as follows:

Year	Dose (mrem/yr)
2000	0.8
1999	0.9
1998	0.9
1997	0.7
1996	0.6
1995	0.7
1994	0.5
1993	0.6
1992	0.4
1991	0.4