

transportation. DOT requires a security threat assessment including fingerprinting and an intelligence and immigration check for the drivers of trucks hauling certain radioactive sources. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 amends section 149 of the Atomic Energy Act to require fingerprinting, for criminal history check purposes, for individuals or entities that are: (1) Licensed or certified to engage in an activity subject to regulation by the Commission; (2) have filed an application for a license or certificate to engage in an activity subject to regulation by the Commission; or (3) have notified the Commission in writing of an intent to file an application for licensing, certification, permitting, or approval of a product or activity subject to regulation by the Commission. The key employees of these entities would be required to be fingerprinted if they have, among other things: (1) Unescorted access to radioactive material or other property subject to regulation by the Commission that the NRC determines to be of such significance to the public health and safety or the common defense and security as to warrant fingerprinting and background checks; or (2) access to Safeguards Information.

Commenters are invited to provide input on inconsistencies in the requirements, any perceived overlaps in the requirements, and any additional measures needed to address perceived gaps in the background check requirements. If commenters provide input for improvements of the programs, they should explain the basis for the recommended measure.

Topic 10

Alternative technologies.

Discussion: EPA and NRC have conducted and/or sponsored research in the area of alternative technologies. Some of the projects are ongoing. As required by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, NRC has recently entered into an arrangement with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct an analysis of alternative technologies. The effort will not be concluded until 2007. Alternative technologies may be available that could perform some or all of the functions performed by devices or processes that employ radiation sources. Use of these alternative technologies could result in the reduction in the number of radiation sources or in the replacement of radiation sources with sources that would pose a lower risk to the public health and safety in the event of an accident or attack involving the radiation source. Commenters are

invited to provide information on potential impacts of the use of alternative technologies and information on potential alternative technologies for consideration by the Task Force. Commenters are also invited to suggest regulatory approaches and possible incentives that could encourage the use of alternative technologies.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of January, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of January 16, 2006:

An open meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 10 a.m. in Room L-002, the Auditorium.

The subject matter of the open meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2006 will be:

The Commission will consider whether to propose amendments to the disclosure requirements for executive and director compensation, related party transactions, director independence and other corporate governance matters, and securities ownership of officers and directors. The Commission will also consider whether to propose amendments to require most of the disclosure in proxy and information statements to be provided in plain English.

For further information, please contact Anne Krauskopf or Carolyn Sherman, Division of Corporation Finance at (202) 551-3500 or, with regard to investment companies and business development companies, Kieran Brown, Division of Investment Management at (202) 551-6784.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items. For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: January 6, 2006.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission will hold the following meeting during the week of January 9, 2006:

A Closed Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners, Counsel to the Commissioners, the Secretary to the Commission, and recording secretaries will attend the Closed Meeting. Certain staff members who have an interest in the matters may also be present.

The General Counsel of the Commission, or his designee, has certified that, in his opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (3), (5), (7), (8), (9)(B), and (10) and 17 CFR 200.402(a), (3), (5), (7), (8), 9(ii) and (10) permit consideration of the scheduled matters at the Closed Meeting.

Commissioner Nazareth, as duty officer, voted to consider the items listed for the closed meeting in closed session and that no earlier notice thereof was possible.

The subject matter of the Closed Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2006 will be:

Formal orders of investigations;

Institution and settlement of injunctive actions;

Institution and settlement of administrative proceedings of an enforcement nature;

Regulatory matters involving financial institutions;

Adjudicatory matters; and

Request for information in an investigative file.

At times, changes in Commission priorities require alterations in the scheduling of meeting items.

For further information and to ascertain what, if any, matters have been added, deleted or postponed, please contact:

The Office of the Secretary at (202) 551-5400.

Dated: January 6, 2006.

J. Lynn Taylor,

Assistant Secretary.

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