

*Date and Time:* May 12, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m.; May 13, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*For Further Information Contact:* Sheila R. Tyndell, Staff Assistant, Directorate for Education and Human Resources, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 805, Arlington, VA 22230, 703-292-8601.

*Summary Minutes:* May be obtained from contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning NSF support for Education and Human Resources.

*Agenda:* Discussion of FY 2004 programs of the Directorate for Education and Human Resources and planning for future activities.

Dated: April 12, 2004.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer, HRM.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Engineering; 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.

*Name and Committee Code:* Advisory Committee for Engineering (#1170).

*Date and Time:* May 19, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; May 20, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Room 1235, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*For Further Information Contact:* Ms. Deborah B. Young, Administrative Officer, Office of the Assistant Director for Engineering, National Science Foundation, Suite 505, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 292-8301. If you are attending the meeting and need access to the NSF building, please contact Alice Furtner or Cassandra Queen at 703-292-8300 or at [afurtner@nsf.gov](mailto:afurtner@nsf.gov) or [cqueen@nsf.gov](mailto:cqueen@nsf.gov) so that your name can be added to the building access list.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to engineering programs and activities.

*Agenda:* The principal focus of the forthcoming meeting will be on strategic issues, both for the Directorate and the Foundation as a whole. The Committee will also address matters relating to the future of the engineering profession, and engineering education.

Dated: April 12, 2004.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Request To Amend a License To Import Radioactive Waste

Pursuant to 10 CFR 110.70(C) "Public notice of receipt of an application," please take notice that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received the following request to amend an import license. Copies of the request are available electronically through ADAMS and can be accessed through the Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> at the NRC Homepage.

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene may be filed within 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Any request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene shall be served by the requestor or petitioner upon the applicant, the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; and the Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

The information concerning this amendment request follows.

### NRC IMPORT LICENSE AMENDMENT APPLICATION

Name of applicant date of application	Date received appli- cation number/docket number	Description of material		End use	Country of origin
		Material type	Total qty		
Diversified Scientific Services, Inc., March 18, 2004.	March 25, 2004, IW012/01, 11005322.	Class A radioactive mixed waste in var- ious forms includ- ing solids, semi-sol- ids, and liquids.	378,000 kg mixed waste containing 1,200 curies tritium, carbon-14, mixed fission product radionuclides and other contaminants.	Amend to: (1) in- crease quantity of material; and (2) extend expiration date to 3/31/2006.	Canada

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated this 7th day of April 2004 at  
Rockville, Maryland.

**Edward T. Baker,**

*Deputy Director, Office of International  
Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Review and Status of Surface and Volumetric Survey Design and Analysis Using Spatial Analysis and Decision Assistance (SADA) Methods; Public Workshop

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC will hold a public workshop in Rockville, Maryland, to provide the NRC staff and the public with an overview of progress on the development of a new computational tool for use in the evaluation of sites

with subsurface contamination. Spatial Analysis and Decision Assistance (SADA) is a freeware software program that is being supported jointly by several Federal Agencies. SADA utilizes automated surveying designs and analytical tools to enhance the demonstration of compliance with criteria for volumetric contaminants and to test and evaluate alternative survey designs. Distributions and total contaminant inventories are sometimes required to assist in determining risk and/or compliance.

Presenters at the workshop will provide information on federally-sponsored survey design and analytical approaches under development for volumetric assessments. The emphasis

of the workshop will focus on the Multi-Agency Radiation Survey & Site Investigation Manual (MARSSIM) evolution into Geostatistical and Bayesian approaches to surficial and, in particular, volumetric contamination characterization and analysis. This information will be useful to the NRC in developing realistic guidance for implementations requiring sub-surface or volumetric knowledge. All interested licensees and members of the public are invited to attend this workshop.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on May 4th and 5th, 2004 from 8 a.m. to about 5 p.m. Registration is requested at <http://www.tiem.utk.edu/-sada/> to help plan for security issues and determine how many CD copies of the Beta SADA software will have to be prepared for distribution.

**ADDRESSES:** The public workshop will be held in the NRC auditorium at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Designated Federal Official: Cheryl A. Trottier (301) 415-6232. General Information: George E. Powers, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-6212, fax (301) 415-5385, e-mail: [GEP@NRC.GOV](mailto:GEP@NRC.GOV). The workshop program can be viewed at <http://www.tiem.utk.edu/-sada/>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This workshop is one of a series of interactions with the Agreement States, licensees, and the public to inform and gather suggestions and ideas for improving performance based protocols for conducting surveys that must consider volumetric geometries. Techniques that apply Bayesian and geostatistical methods are showing promise in reducing the resources required to evaluate volumetric contamination while increasing the accuracy and precision of the results. Therefore, the NRC staff is considering expanding and extending the performance guidance for conducting volumetric surveys by applying statistics such as Bayesian and geostatistical analysis that may be more appropriate for use in assessments. The workshop will include brief formal presentations by invited speakers from DOE national laboratories, EPA and other Federal Agencies. These presentations will address survey techniques that can be applied up to the initiation of volumetric sampling and analysis. Question and answer periods will be provided.

Visitor parking around the NRC building is limited; however, the

workshop site is located adjacent to the White Flint Station on the Metro Red Line. Seating for the public will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 12th day of April, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
**Cheryl A. Trottier,**  
*Chief, Radiation Protection and Health Effects Branch, Division of Regulatory Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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## **PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION**

### **Required Interest Rate Assumption for Determining Variable-Rate Premium for Premium Payment Years Beginning in January Through April 2004**

**AGENCY:** Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of interest rate assumptions.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public of the interest rate assumptions to be used for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation regulations for premium payment years beginning in January through April 2004. These interest rate assumptions can be derived from rates published elsewhere, but are collected and published in this notice for the convenience of the public. Interest rates are also published on the PBGC's Web site (<http://www.pbgc.gov>).

The provisions of the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002 that temporarily increased the required interest rate to be used to determine the PBGC's variable-rate premium to 100 percent (from 85 percent) of the annual yield on 30-year Treasury securities expired at the end of 2003. The Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004, which was signed into law by the President on April 10, 2004, changes the rules for determining the required interest rate for premium payment years beginning in 2004 or 2005. On April 15, 2004, the PBGC published a notice informing the public of interest rates and assumptions to be used under certain PBGC regulations. The April 15, 2004, notice stated that the PBGC intended shortly to publish a **Federal Register** notice reflecting the new required interest rates. The PBGC is now informing the public of those new required interest rates for premium payment years beginning in January through April 2004.

**DATES:** The required interest rate assumption for determining the variable-rate premium under part 4006 applies to premium payment years beginning in January through April 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harold J. Ashner, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005, 202-326-4024. (TTY/TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4024.)

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **Variable-Rate Premiums**

Section 4006(a)(3)(E)(iii)(II) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and § 4006.4(b)(1) of the PBGC's regulation on Premium Rates (29 CFR part 4006) prescribe use of an assumed interest rate (the "required interest rate") in determining a single-employer plan's variable-rate premium. The required interest rate is the "applicable percentage" (currently 85 percent) of the annual yield on 30-year Treasury securities for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid (the "premium payment year"). The provisions of the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002 that temporarily increased the required interest rate to be used to determine the PBGC's variable-rate premium to 100 percent (from 85 percent) of the annual yield on 30-year Treasury securities expired at the end of 2003.

The Pension Funding Equity Act of 2004, which was signed into law by the President on April 10, 2004, changes the rules for determining the required interest rate for premium payment years beginning in 2004 or 2005. For premium payment years beginning in 2004 or 2005, the required interest rate is the "applicable percentage" (currently 85 percent) of the annual rate of interest determined by the Secretary of the Treasury on amounts invested conservatively in long-term investment grade corporate bonds for the month preceding the beginning of the plan year for which premiums are being paid. On April 12, 2004, the Internal Revenue Service issued Notice 2004-34 announcing the composite corporate bond rates needed to determine the required interest rates for premium payment years beginning in January through April 2004. (See Table 1 of IRS Notice 2004-34.)

The required interest rate to be used in determining variable-rate premiums for premium payment years beginning