

reduce such exposure, NCD requests that attendees not wear perfumes or scented products at this meeting. Smoking is prohibited in meeting rooms and surrounding areas.

Open Meeting: In accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act and NCD's bylaws, this quarterly meeting will be open to the public for observation, except where NCD determines that a meeting or portion thereof should be closed in accordance with NCD's regulations pursuant to the Government in the Sunshine Act. A majority of NCD members present shall determine when a meeting or portion thereof is closed to the public, in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act. At meetings open to the public, NCD may determine when non-members may participate in its discussions. Observers are not expected to participate in NCD meetings unless requested to do so by an NCD member and recognized by the NCD chairperson.

Quarterly Meeting Agenda:

Reports from the Chairperson and the Executive Director
Committee Meetings and Committee Reports
Executive Session (closed)—
Unfinished Business
New Business
Announcements
Adjournment

Records will be kept of all National Council on Disability proceedings and will be available after the quarterly meeting for public inspection at the National Council on Disability.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 3, 2001.

Ethel D. Briggs,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Federal Advisory Committee on International Exhibitions (FACIE)

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 Federal Advisory Committee on International Exhibitions (FACIE) will be held by teleconference from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2001 in Room 709 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20506.

This meeting is for the purpose of 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 May 22, 2001, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4),(6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Panel Coordinator, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC, 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: November 30, 2001.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

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

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Revision of Statement of Organization and Functions; Position of Deputy General Counsel

AGENCY: National Labor Relations Board.

ACTION: Revision of the description of the powers and duties of the Deputy General Counsel.

SUMMARY: The National Labor Relations Board is revising the description of the powers and duties of the Deputy General Counsel to make plain that the Board's Deputy General Counsel is authorized to perform the functions and duties of the office of General Counsel upon the vacancy of the General Counsel's office.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John J. Toner, Executive Secretary, 1099 14th Street NW., Room 11600, Washington, DC 20570, Telephone: (202) 273-1936.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Labor Relations Board has determined that § 3345(a)(1) of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, 5 U.S.C. 3345 et seq., authorizes the Board's Deputy General Counsel to perform the functions and duties of the office of General Counsel, upon the vacancy of the General Counsel's office. In pertinent part, § 3345(a) provides:

If an officer of an Executive agency * * * whose appointment to office is required to be made by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office—

(1) The first assistant to the office of such officer shall perform the functions and duties of the office temporarily in an acting capacity subject to the time limitations of section 3346.

Historically, the provisions of section 3(d) of the National Labor Relations Act (29 U.S.C. 153(d)) have been the only mechanism for appointments to the position of Acting General Counsel. The Vancies Act is an alternative means of filling vacancies in positions appointed by the President subject to Senate confirmation, but, until 1988, that statute was applicable only to positions in cabinet departments. By amendment in 1988, Congress made the Vancies Act applicable to all "executive agencies," with the intent of expanding the scope of the statute to independent agencies such as the Board. Thus, although NLRA section 3(d) remains a valid mechanism for appointment to the position of Acting General Counsel, it is now clear that the Vacancies Act provides an alternative procedure and that the President can appoint an Acting General Counsel under that Act, under section 3(d) of the NLRA, or can allow the provisions of section 3345(a) to take effect.

The Deputy General Counsel position is a "first assistant" position within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 3345(a)(1). Although "first assistant" is not expressly defined in the statute, it was referred to in debate as a term of art that generally refers to the office holder's top deputy. The National Labor Relations Board's Statement of Organization and Functions makes clear that the Deputy General Counsel acts as the alter ego of the General Counsel and readily satisfies the functions of a "first assistant:" "The Deputy General Counsel is vested with the authority to speak and act for the General Counsel in all phases of the responsibilities of the office to the full extent permitted by law * * *

Accordingly, the National Labor Relations Board is revising its statement of Organization and Functions, part 201, subpart A, section 202, second paragraph (32 F.R. 9588, as amended by 37 F.R. 15956, 44 F.R. 32415) to read as follows:

Sec. 202 The General Counsel.

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The Deputy General Counsel is vested with the authority to speak and act for the General Counsel in all phases of the responsibilities of the office to the full extent permitted by law and is responsible for overall coordination of the General Counsel's organization. The Deputy General Counsel position is a "first assistant" for purposes of section

3345(a)(1) of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act. References to the General Counsel hereinafter may refer to either the General Counsel or Deputy General Counsel collectively.

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Dated, Washington, DC, December 3, 2001.
By direction of the Board.

John J. Toner,

Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 29, 2001, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. A permit was issued on November 26, 2001 to: Rennie S. Holt, Permit No. 2002-007.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-352 and 50-353]

Exelon Generation Company, LLC, Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) part 50, Appendix E, Item IV.F.2. c, for Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-39 and NPF-85, issued to Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Exelon, the licensee), for operation of the Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2,

located in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Therefore, as required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow a one-time exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, Item IV.F.2. c, regarding conduct of a full-participation exercise of the offsite emergency plan every 2 years. Under the proposed exemption, the licensee would reschedule the exercise originally scheduled for November 1, 2001, and complete the exercise requirements by March 14, 2002.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for an exemption dated October 16, 2001.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Currently under 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E, Item IV.F.2. c, each licensee at each site is required to conduct a full-participation exercise of its offsite emergency plan every 2 years. Federal agencies, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, observe these exercises and evaluate the performance of the licensee, state, and local authorities having a role under the emergency plan.

The licensee had initially planned to conduct an exercise of its offsite emergency plan on November 1, 2001, which was within the required 2-year interval. However, due to the ongoing national security threat in the United States, and the response, recovery, and other offsite agency activities associated with the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the licensee has decided to postpone the exercise. The licensee does not plan to conduct the full-participation exercise until after the 2-year interval has expired.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed action involves an administrative activity unrelated to plant operations.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any different resource than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Limerick Generating Station, Units 1 and 2, dated April 1984.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On November 13, 2001, the staff consulted with the Pennsylvania State official, Dennis Dyckman of the Pennsylvania Department of Environment and Natural Resources, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments. In addition, the licensee notified the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, who indicated support for rescheduling the exercise.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

Further details with respect to the proposed action can be found in the licensee's letter dated October 16, 2001. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov>