

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education (9487).

Dates: October 20, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., October 21, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Place: Stafford I, Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Margaret Cavanaugh, Directorate for Geosciences, National Science Foundation, Suite 705, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230. Phone: (703) 292-8500.

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

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for environmental research and education.

Agenda:

October 20

Update on recent NSF environmental activities.

Report on NSF-DOE Water workshop. Discussion of ACERE document on strategies for Complex Environmental Systems research and education and occasional papers.

AC-ERE task group meetings.

October 21

AC-ERE task group reports.

Meeting with the Acting Director.

Presentation on "MIT-CC Partnership".

Panel on NSF Diversity Programs.

Dated: September 28, 2004.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering (1173).

Dates/Time: October 25, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. and October 26, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235 S, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Margaret E.M. Tolbert, Senior Advisor and Executive Liaison, CEOSE, Office of Integrative Activities, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-8040.

Minutes: May be obtained from the Executive Liaison at the above address.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning broadening participation in science and engineering.

Agenda:

Monday, October 25, 2004

Welcome by the CEOSE Chair.

Introduction of New Members.

Review of the CEOSE Meeting Agenda.

Discussions:

CEOSE Meetings Held at Little Big Horn and Chief Dull Knife Colleges in Montana;

Meeting with Dr. Ardent L. Bement, Acting Director of the National Science Foundation.

Congressionally Required Ten-Year Reports Prepared by CEOSE Members.

Tuesday, October 26, 2004

Opening Statement by the CEOSE Chair.

Presentations:

Response to Action items in the CEOSE Meeting Minutes;

Report on Mentoring Workshop;

Reports on NSF Advisory Committees;

Changes in SESTAT;

Data on Persons with Disabilities.

Discussions:

Plans for the CEOSE 2004 Biennial Report to Congress;

Recommendations by CEOSE;

Dates for Future CEOSE Meetings.

Dated: September 28, 2004.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Advisory Committee for Geosciences; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Geosciences (1755).

Dates/Times: October 27, 2004, 2–5:30 p.m., October 28, 2004 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., October 29, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

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

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Thomas Spence, Directorate for Geosciences, National Science Foundation, Suite 705, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230, phone 703-292-8500.

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

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for research, education, and human resources development in the geosciences.

Agenda:

Day 1

Directorate Activity Reports

Meeting with NSF Deputy Director

Day 2

Planning, Coordination, and

Implementation Activities

Division Subcommittee Meeting and Reports

Day 3

Education and Diversity Subcommittee

Meeting

Committee of Visitors Reports

Intersessional Activities

Dated: September 29, 2004.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Advisory Committee (MPSAC), #66.

Date/Time: November 3, 2004, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.; November 4, 2004, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.; November 5, 2004, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Room 375.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Morris L. Aizenman, Senior Science Associate, Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Room 1005, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-8807.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning NSF science and education activities within the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

Agenda:

Briefing to new members about NSF and Directorate.

Update on current status of Directorate. Overview of Facilities.

Meeting with Education and Human Resources Advisory Committee.

Report on CyberScience and Theory Workshops.

Meeting of MPSAC with Divisions within MPS Directorate.

Discussion of MPS Long-term Planning Activities.

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

Dated: September 28, 2004.

Susanne E. Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-29418]

University of Pittsburgh Environmental Assessment and Final Finding of No Significant Impact for Exemption From 10 CFR 35.615(F)(3)

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is authorizing the University of Pittsburgh, License No. 37-00245-09, an exemption to 10 CFR 35.615(f)(3), to permit the licensee to have a qualified neurosurgeon physically present in place of an Authorized User (AU) during the use of its gamma stereotactic radiosurgery (GSR) units.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The University of Pittsburgh has a NRC license (License No. 37-00245-09) which authorizes the medical use of three GSR units. The licensee has requested, in a letter dated April 9, 2004, that NRC grant an exemption to 10 CFR 35.615(f)(3), which requires an AU and Authorized Medical Physicist (AMP) to be physically present throughout all patients treatments with a GSR unit.

Need for the Proposed Action

The licensee has three GSR units located in the same wing of the hospital. Because of its expanding patient workload, the licensee states that there will be times when it will need to be able to perform simultaneous treatments with the GSR units. The licensee is requesting an exemption to 10 CFR 35.615(f)(3) to allow the use of a qualified neurosurgeon, instead of an AU, to be present throughout patients treatments involving the GSR units, in addition to the presence of the AMP. The AU will be immediately available to respond to an emergency at any of the units.

The exemption is needed so that University of Pittsburgh can continue to provide optimum medical treatment to its patients. The exemption would allow the University of Pittsburgh to perform simultaneous treatments with the GSR units. The exemption would allow better participation of the AU in dose treatment planning and patient set-up, without requiring the addition of a

second AU. In evaluating the licensee's performance conforming to the current requirements in 10 CFR 35.615(f)(3), NRC inspections since April 2000 have not identified any violations nor medical events associated with the use of the GSR units.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The gamma stereotactic radiosurgery sources are sealed sources and no material will be released to the environment. All the sources are contained within the unit, as verified by periodic spot checks performed by the licensee. The proposed action does not increase public radiation exposure. There will be no impact on the environment as a result of the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As required by Section 102(2)(E) of NEPA (42 USC 4322(2)(E)), a possible alternative to the final action has been considered. The alternative is to deny the exemption request, which would require the licensee to have at least two AUs and two AMPs physically present when simultaneous treatments are conducted at the licensed facility, which would significantly increase the cost of patient care. The alternative option would not produce a gain in protecting the human environment, and it would negatively impact the licensee's provision of medical care to its patients.

Alternative Use of Resources

No alternative use of resources was considered because of the reasons stated above.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

The Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) has been consulted to evaluate this exemption request. ACMUI's recommendation has been considered in responding to the licensee's request.

Identification of Source Used

Letters from the University of Pittsburgh, to NRC, Region I, dated April 9, 2004, and June 3, 2004.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on the above environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, NRC has determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate and preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted.

The licensee's letters are available for inspection, and/or copying for a fee, in the NRC Region I, Public Document Room, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406. The documents are available electronically for public inspection from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), accession numbers ML041190282 and ML041620397, respectively. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of September, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Sandra Wastler,

Section Chief, Material Safety and Inspection Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Week of October 4, 2004.

PLACE: Commissioner's Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

ADDITIONAL MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of October 4, 2004

Thursday, October 7, 2004

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)(Tentative)

- a. State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (Confirmatory Order Modifying License); appeals of LBP-04-16 by NRC Staff and Licensee (Tentative)
- b. Private Fuel Storage (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation) Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI (Tentative)
- c. USEC, Inc. (Tentative)
- d. Citizen's Awareness Network's (CAN) Motion to Dismiss the Yankee Rowe License Termination Proceeding or to Re-Notice It (Tentative)
- e. Duke Energy Corp. (Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2); Licensing Board's certification of its ruling on "need to know" during discovery (Tentative)
- f. Final Rulemaking to Add New Section 10 CFR 50.69, "Risk-Informed Categorization and Treatment of Structures, Systems, and Components for Nuclear Power