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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Physics; 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Physics (1208).

Date/Time: May 9-11, 2001, 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

Place: Room II-585, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. John W. Lightbody, Jr., National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 292-7378.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted the National Science Foundation for financila support.

Agenda: Review various proposals.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being review include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

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

Name: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs (1130).

Date/Time: May 3, 2001; 8:30 am to 5:00 pm; May 4, 2001; 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

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

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Brenda Williams, Office of Polar Programs (OPP), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-8030.

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

Purpose of Meeting: To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs and activities on the polar research community; to provide advice to the Director of OPP on issues related to long range planning, and to form ad hoc subcommittees to carry out needed studies and tasks.

Agenda: Discussion of NSF-wide initiatives, long-range planning and GPRA.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-423]

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al.; Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-49, issued to the Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al., (NNECO or the licensee), for operation of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3, located in Waterford, Connecticut.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would revise Technical Specification (TS) Sections: 3.3.2.1, "Instrumentation—Engineered Safety Feature Actuation System Instrumentation;" 3.3.3.1, "Instrumentation—Monitoring Instrumentation—Radiation Monitoring;" 3.7.6.1, "Plant Systems—Control Room Emergency Ventilation System;" 3.9.3.1, "Refueling Operations—Decay Time;" 3.9.4, "Refueling Operations—Containment Penetrations;" 3.9.9, "Refueling Operations—Containment Radiation Monitoring;" 3.9.10, "Refueling Operations—Containment Purge Valve Isolation System;" 3.9.13, "Refueling Operations—Storage Pool Radiation Monitoring;" 3.9.14, "Refueling Operations—Storage Pool Area Ventilation System—Fuel Movement;" 3.9.15, "Refueling Operations—Storage Pool Area Ventilation System—Fuel Storage;" 3.9.16.1, "Refueling Operations—Shielded Cask;" 3.9.16.2, "Refueling Operations—Shielded Cask;"

3.9.17, "Refueling Operations—Movement of Fuel in Spent Fuel Pool;" and 3.9.19.2, "Refueling Operations—Spent Fuel Pool—Storage Pattern," and add new TS 3.3.4, "Containment Purge Valve Isolation Signal." The requested changes would make the TSs and the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) consistent with new analyses of the fuel handling and cask drop accidents. The Index pages and the Bases for these TSs would be modified to reflect these changes.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's amendment request dated June 29, 2000, as supplemented by letters dated October 16, 2000, and January 25, 2001.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed for the licensee to move new and spent fuel while the containment is open during refueling operations. NNECO has determined that the current analysis of a fuel handling accident inside containment needs to be revised since the current analysis is not conservative with respect to the amount of fuel damage that will occur. As a result, Millstone Unit No. 3 was required to keep containment isolated during fuel movement inside containment until a revised analysis was approved by the NRC. With the containment isolated, high temperature and humidity conditions create an adverse environment for individuals working inside containment. This type of environment is a personnel safety concern and can increase the potential for human errors. The revised analysis, which was submitted for approval by NNECO in an application dated June 29, 2000, includes a provision to maintain the personnel air lock doors open under administrative control. This will greatly simplify normal entry and egress. This provision will also decrease the time necessary to evacuate containment in the event of a fuel handling accident, thereby decreasing personnel exposure.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its assessment of the potential environmental impacts associated with the changes. These TS changes are supported by a revised fuel handling analyses and cask drop accident analyses. The impact of the above proposed TS changes has been evaluated by the NRC in consideration for approval of the changes and supporting analyses. The TS change will not significantly increase the probability of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be