

(C) Time frame during which project was conducted.

(D) Principal outputs or results of the project.

(E) Longer term outcomes and follow-on impacts of the project.

(F) The PI's best assessment of the impact of this NSF-funded research on the current (1996) state of design and manufacturing technology, including any known commercial implementations.

(G) Any other observations that the PI wishes to make (e.g., regarding the promotion of a significant discovery, creation of a significant research capability, promotion of new knowledge flowing to society).

The narratives, citations, and names of others knowledgeable about the project may be submitted using the Internet or regular mail.

The DMII will organize a panel of experts in the field who are knowledgeable about the types of projects funded, and the nature of innovations that have occurred over the past decades. The expert panel's first assignment will be to conduct a thorough review and assessment of the narratives submitted by the PIs. Once the narratives have been reviewed, a subset of 20 outstanding examples of awards with significant impacts will be chosen, and brief case studies will be prepared by the contractor in order to better understand the process by which the impacts occurred.

Under the final phase of this evaluation, the expert panel will then review the case studies and, based upon findings from both the project narratives and the individual case studies, prepare an overall assessment of the contributions made by these awards. The DMII program staff will then review the findings and assess their implications for future program priorities and actions.

DMII has contracted with Abt Associates Inc. of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to assist it in the survey and reports preparation process.

**Use of Information:** The information collected will be used to assist the Foundation in the evaluation of this program, and in considering various program priorities and selection procedures for future projects in this area. NSF will also consider how best to satisfy the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) in reporting outcomes and impacts of programs of this type. Finally, NSF will determine how to improve future evaluation activities applied to subsequent awards made under this program.

**Confidentiality:** Copies of the narratives will be reviewed by a panel

of experts selected by NSF. The subsequent case studies will also be reviewed by this expert panel. Some materials may be disseminated by NSF as a part of the program evaluation process. No sensitive information is being requested in the survey.

**Burden on the Public:** The Foundation estimates that, on average, two hours will be required to prepare the narratives, or a total of 400 hours for all PIs. In addition, it anticipates 4 hours of interviews for each of 20 case studies, or 80 hours. Thus, total burden is estimated at 480 hours.

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Gail A. McHenry,  
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### Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences: Notice of Meeting

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

**Name:** Special Emphasis Panel in Biological Sciences (1754).  
**Date and Time:** March 24-25, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** Room 340, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**Type of Meeting:** Closed.

**Contact Person:** Dr. Eve Ida Barak, Program Director for Cellular Organization, Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, Room 655, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230 Telephone: 703/306-1442.

**Purpose of Advisory Panel:** To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research in Molecular and Cellular Biosciences.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences in responses to Program Announcement number 93-130, as part of the selection process for awards.

**Reason for Closing:** The proposal being reviewed 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 (4) and (6) of 5 U.S.C. 552(c) Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: March 3, 1997.  
Linda Allen-Benton,  
*Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Cross Disciplinary Activities; 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 Cross Disciplinary Activities (1193).

**Date and Time:** March 25, 1997 8:30 am-5:00 pm.

**Place:** National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1150, Arlington, VA 22230.

**Type of Meeting:** Closed.

**Contact Person(s):** Rita V. Rodriguez, Program Director, CISE/CDA, Room 1160, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1980.

**Purpose of Meeting:** To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate CISE Minority Institutions Infrastructure proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

**Reason for Closing:** The proposals being reviewed 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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### Partial Differential Equations in Mathematical Sciences; 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:** Partial Differential Equations in Mathematical Sciences (1204).

**Dates and Times:** March 24-26, 1997; 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Place:** Room 1060, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

**Type of Meeting:** Closed.

**Contact Person:** Dr. William Faris, Program Director, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1879.

**Purpose of Meeting:** To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate the Analysis/Applied Program nominations/

applications as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed 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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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[Docket No. 72-9]

#### **Notice of Consideration of Transfer of the Materials License SNM-2504 and Subsequent License Amendment for the Fort St. Vrain Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation From the Public Service Company of Colorado to the U.S. Department of Energy and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering the issuance of an order approving an application from the U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office (the applicant or DOE-ID) dated December 17, 1996, and supplemented February 4, February 5, and February 18, 1997, for the transfer of a materials license (SNM-2504), under the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72. The applicant is seeking NRC approval to take possession of spent nuclear fuel and other radioactive materials associated with spent nuclear fuel storage presently in the possession of the Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) at its Fort St. Vrain (FSV) independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) located in Weld County, Colorado, and to own and operate the FSV ISFSI. The transfer of an ISFSI license is subject to NRC approval under 10 CFR 72.50, "Transfer of License." Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR Part 72, the term of the license for the ISFSI would remain as is currently licensed, and the license would expire on November 30, 2011. If the application for transfer is approved, the Commission will issue an order consenting to the transfer. The NRC is also considering an amendment to the materials license to reflect DOE-ID as the new licensee for the FSV ISFSI and

the addition of revised Appendices A, B, and C to the license.

Prior to approval of the requested license transfer, and the license amendment reflecting the transfer, the NRC will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the NRC's rules and regulations. The transfer of the materials license and the license amendment will not be approved until the NRC has reviewed the application and concluded, *inter alia*, that approval of the license will not be inimical to the common defense and security and will not constitute an unreasonable risk to public health and safety. The NRC, in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51, will complete an environmental assessment. This action will be the subject of a subsequent notice in the Federal Register.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.105, by April 7, 1997, the applicant may file a request for a hearing on the license transfer application and on the proposed license amendment; and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the subject materials license in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 2.714. If a request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel will rule on the request and/or petition, and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order. In the event that no request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, and upon satisfactory completion of all required evaluations, the NRC may consent to the transfer of the materials license and issue the license amendment without further prior notice.

A petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order that may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's

interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend a petition, without requesting leave of the Board, up to 15 days prior to the holding of the first pre-hearing conference scheduled in the proceeding. Such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the first pre-hearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the action under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement that satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party. Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last ten (10) days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the NRC by a toll-free telephone call to Western