

1145, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1912.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations for the Numeric, Symbolic, and Geometric Computation Program (NSG) by providing review of a group of approximately 50 proposals with special attention to changing emphases for that program.

Agenda: To review and evaluate NSG proposals as a 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 within exemptions (4) and (6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 14, 1997.

Linda Allen-Benton,

Deputy Director, Division of Human Resource Management, Acting Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Engineering Education and Centers; Notice of Meeting

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

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Engineering Education and Centers (173).

Date & Time: May 5 and 6, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 530, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Ms. Lynn Preston, Deputy Division Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Environment preproposals submitted to the Engineering Research Centers Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Date & Time: May 5 and 6, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 580, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Ms. Lynn Preston, Deputy Division Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Imaging and Multimedia-1 preproposals submitted to the Engineering Research Centers Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Date & Time: May 7 and 8, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 580, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Ms. Lynn Preston, Deputy Division Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Imaging and Multimedia-2 preproposals submitted to the Engineering Research Centers Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Date & Time: May 8, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 530, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Ms. Lynn Preston, Deputy Division Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Bioengineering and Bioprocessing preproposals submitted to the Engineering Research Centers Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Date & Time: May 8 and 9, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 530, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Ms. Lynn Preston, Deputy Division Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Systems, Control and Computation preproposals submitted to the Engineering Research Centers Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Date & Time: May 8 and 9, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Date & Time: May 8 and 9, 1997, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 365, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Ms. Lynn Preston, Deputy Division Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Materials Processing preproposals submitted to the Engineering Research Centers Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Date & Time: May 8 and 9, 1997, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 370, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Ms. Lynn Preston, Deputy Division Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate manufacturing preproposals submitted to the Engineering Research Centers Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Date & Time: May 13 and 14, 1997, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 530, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Ms. Lynn Preston, Deputy Division Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Electronics Materials Processing and Fabrication preproposals submitted to the Engineering Research Centers Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Date & Time: May 13 and 14, 1997, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 580, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Ms. Lynn Preston, Deputy Division Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Electronics Devices and Displays preproposals submitted to the Engineering Research Centers Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Date & Time: May 15 and 16, 1997, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 530, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Ms. Lynn Preston, Deputy Division Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Civil Infrastructure-2 preproposals submitted to the Engineering Research Centers Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Date & Time: May 15 and 16, 1997, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 580, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Ms. Lynn Preston, Deputy Division Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Chemical Engineering and Thermal Processing preproposals submitted to the Engineering Research Centers Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Purpose of Meetings: To provide advice and recommendations concerning preproposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

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 proposal. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 14, 1997.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Termination of License SNM-145 for the Babcock & Wilcox Apollo Site and Release of the Property for Unrestricted Use

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of license termination.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's decision to terminate License SNM-145 for the Babcock & Wilcox (B&W) Apollo, Pennsylvania, site and release the property for unrestricted use.

The Apollo facility was used for the manufacture of nuclear fuel under NRC License SNM-145, which was issued in December of 1957. The primary activity at the site was the conversion of uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) into uranium dioxide (UO₂). Operations at the site ceased in 1983 and decommissioning activities were completed in 1995.

Based on the results of NRC's inspections, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education's Confirmatory Surveys, B&W's Termination Surveys, and B&W's groundwater monitoring program results, the staff concludes that decommissioning activities are complete and the site is suitable to be released for unrestricted use.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Apollo facility was used for the manufacture of nuclear fuel under NRC License SNM-145, which was issued in December of 1957. The primary activity at the site was the conversion of UF₆ into UO₂.

The site is located on Warren Avenue in Apollo, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, about 40 km (25 miles) east-northeast of Pittsburgh along the Kiskiminetas River. The Apollo site consisted of three areas: (1) The Main Facility containing the process buildings, laundry building, and parking lot, which were located between Warren Avenue and the river; (2) another industrial facility located next to the Main Facility, but not owned nor operated by B&W; and (3) the Apollo office building, which was located outside the restricted area, on the

opposite side of Warren Avenue. The site was located in a residential neighborhood with some privately owned houses within several hundred yards of the facility.

Atlantic Richfield Company (ARCO) was the operator of the site from 1967 to 1971. In 1971, ARCO sold its shares of Nuclear Material and Equipment Corporation (NUMEC) stock to B&W, who then operated the site from 1971 to the present. Low-level waste containing thorium and uranium was shipped for disposal at a number of locations, including the neighboring Parks Township Shallow Land Disposal Area, which is also listed on the Site Decommissioning Management Plan (SDMP) and is being assessed for remediation. Decommissioning of inactive portions of the facility began in 1978 and continued through 1995. The Apollo site was included on the SDMP because of the large quantity of building and soil contamination which was present on-site. All operations at the site ceased in 1983 and on August 30, 1991, B&W submitted a specific decommissioning plan to complete the final activities necessary to remediate the entire site to NRC requirements for unrestricted use. In a letter dated April 15, 1992, B&W requested that NRC terminate this license. The staff reviewed the decommissioning submittal and developed an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider the impacts to the environment from the remediation of the site. The EA was published in the **Federal Register** on June 25, 1992, along with the staff's Finding of No Significant Impact and an opportunity for a hearing (57 FR 28539).

A request for a hearing was filed by petitioners on July 27, 1992, which cited 20 areas of concern about the amendment request. The petitioners submitted a supplement dated October 9, 1992, requesting an immediate cessation of site clean-up activities. Memorandum and Order LBP-92-31, dated November 12, 1992, denied the petitioners' request to cease clean-up activities. During the remainder of the proceedings, there were several requests for information from the presiding officer and several additional submittals by the participants. Then, in Memorandum and Order LBP-93-4, dated February 5, 1993, the judge denied the hearing request and terminated the proceedings.

Decommissioning activities at the site continued, and in 1995 the Apollo office building, the last major remaining structure on the site, was dismantled. The Apollo office building had been used for office space since the mid-1950s. Portions of the building had been

used for an analytical laboratory and to develop and manufacture calibration sources in the 1960s and early 1970s. Both laboratory operations had been terminated by 1972. NRC contracted with Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) to perform several radiological surveys in 1993. Both B&W and the NRC regional inspector performed additional surveys. By letter dated September 7, 1994, NRC staff released the building for unrestricted use and removed it from License SNM-145. The building was then dismantled and returned to a green area.

B&W has completed decommissioning activities at the remainder of the site, which included: dismantlement of the main building; The removal or replacement of three sewer lines; remediation and reconstruction of the riverbank; and remediation of other contaminated areas. B&W removed over 22,000 m³ (800,000 ft³) of contaminated soil and building rubble and disposed of it at Envirocare in Utah, and Barnwell in South Carolina. B&W submitted radiological survey data for each phase of remediation, which staff reviewed. NRC and ORISE performed several confirmatory radiological surveys during the period from 1992 to 1995. These surveys consisted of document and data reviews, gamma surface scans, exposure rate measurements, and soil, sediment, water, and miscellaneous sampling. The final surveys showed that the site meets NRC's criteria for unrestricted use.

Based on the results of NRC's inspections, ORISE's Confirmatory Surveys, B&W's Termination Surveys, and groundwater monitoring program results, the staff concludes that decommissioning activities are complete. The staff has informed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of NRC's intent to release the Apollo site. In addition, in accordance with the recently issued Memorandum of Understanding with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), staff has also informed PADEP of NRC's intent to release the site. The staff is notifying B&W that remediation of the site is complete, that the site is suitable for unrestricted use, and that license SNM-145 is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Astwood, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T-7F-27, Washington, D.C., 20555, telephone (301) 415-5819.

Dated at Rockville, MD this 14th day of April 1997.