

Program: This meeting will review applications for Education Development and Demonstration in Humanities Focus Grants II, submitted to the Division of Research and Education for projects at the April 18, 1997 deadline.

7. *Date:* May 20–21, 1997.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 430.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Education Development and Demonstration in Humanities Focus Grants III, submitted to the Division of Research and Education for projects at the April 18, 1997 deadline.

Nancy E. Weiss,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems (#1190); Notice of Meetings

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 Chemical and Transport Systems (#1190).

Date and Time: May 16, 1997; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 530, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306–1371.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Raul Miranda, Program Director, Chemical Reaction Processes, and Dr. Farley Fisher, Program Director, Combustion & Thermal Plasma, Division of Chemical and Transport Systems (CTS), Room 525, (703) 306–1371.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate nominations for the FY97 Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Panel 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.

Dated: April 23, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; 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: Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems 1205.

Date and Time: Tuesday, May 13, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Persons: Dr. Ken Chong, Program Director, Structural Systems and Construction Processes; John Scalzi, Program Director, Large Structural & Building Systems, Room 545, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1361.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) 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.

Dated: April 23, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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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 and Time: May 12, 1997 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Place: Room 1105.17, NSF 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. C. Denise Caldwell, Program Director, Room 1015, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1807; email, dcaldwel@nsf.gov.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Atomic, Molecular, Optical and Plasma Physics MRI proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The project plans being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; information on personnel and proprietary data for present and future subcontracts. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 23, 1997.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Foundation, National Science Board.

DATES AND TIMES: May 8, 1997, 10:30 a.m., Closed Session; May 8, 1997, 11:15 a.m., Open Session; May 8, 1997, 5:45 p.m., Closed Session.

PLACE: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

STATUS: Part of this meeting will be open to the public. Part of this meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Thursday May 8, 1997

Closed Session (10:30 a.m.–11:15 a.m)

- Awards & Agreements
- Minutes, March 1997 Meeting
- Election of Executive Committee Members
- NSB Nominees—Class of 2004

Thursday May 8, 1997

Open Session (11:15 a.m.–5:45 p.m.)

- Long-Range Planning
- Government Funding of Scientific Research
- Minutes, March 1997 Meeting
- Closed Session Agenda Items for August 1997
- Chairman's Report
- Director's Report
- Executive Committee Annual Report
- Calendar of Meetings
- Reports from Committees
- Systemic Initiatives—Review
- Other Business

Thursday May 8, 1997

Closed Session (5:45 p.m.–6:45 p.m.)

- NSF Long-Range Planning and FY 1999 Budget

—Adjourn

Marta Cehelsky,

Executive Officer.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Public Forum on Passive Grade Crossing Safety

In connection with its investigation of the issues concerning the safety of passive grade crossings, where railroads and highways meet without gates or warning lights, the National Transportation Safety Board will convene a public forum beginning at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 8, 1997, at the Jacksonville Hilton Hotel, 1201 Riverplace Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida. For more information, contact Shelly Hazle, Office of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20594, telephone (202) 314-6100.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Michelle Prentice 404-562-1659 (voice) or 404-562-1674 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the public forum date.

Dated: April 23, 1997.

Bea Hardesty,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:*

NRC Form 171, "Paper to Paper Duplication Request"

NRC Form 171A, "Multi-Media Duplication Request"

NRC Form 171B, "Microform to Paper Request"

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0066.

3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Individuals or companies requesting copies to be made by reproduction.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 18,300.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 1,208 hours (18,300 forms X .066 hr/form) or about 4 minutes per form.

7. *Abstract:* These forms are utilized by individual members of the public to request reproduction of publicly available documents in NRC's Headquarters Public Document Room (PDR). Copies of the form are utilized by the reproduction contractor to accompany the orders and are then discarded.

Submit, by June 27, 1997, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, (lower level), Washington, DC. Members of the public who are in the Washington, DC, area can access this document via modem on the Public Document Room Bulletin Board (NRC's Advanced Copy Document Library), NRC subsystem at FedWorld, 703-321-3339. Members of the public who are located outside of the Washington, DC, area can dial FedWorld, 1-800-303-9672, or use the FedWorld Internet address:

fedworld.gov (Telnet). The document will be available on the bulletin board for 30 days after the signature date of this notice. If assistance is needed in accessing the document, please contact the FedWorld help desk at 703-487-4608. Additional assistance in locating the document is available from the NRC Public Document Room, nationally at 1-800-397-4209, or within the Washington, DC, area at 202-634-3273.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements

may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 F33, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, or by telephone at (301) 415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of April, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Arnold E. Levin,

Acting Designated Senior Official for Information Resources Management.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-255]

Consumers Power Company; Palisades Plant; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55 for Facility Operating License No. DPR-20, issued to Consumers Power Company, (the licensee), for operation of the Palisades Plant located in Van Buren County, Michigan.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for physical protection of licensed activities in nuclear power reactors against radiological sabotage." The proposed action would allow implementation of a hand geometry biometric system of site access control such that photograph identification badges can be taken off site.

This environmental assessment has been prepared to address potential environmental issues related to the licensee's application of April 4, 1996.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55, paragraph (a), The licensee shall establish and maintain an onsite physical protection system and security organization.

Paragraph (1) of 10 CFR 73.55(d), "Access Requirements," specifies that "licensee shall control all points of personnel and vehicle access into a protected area." It is specified in 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) that "A numbered picture badge identification system shall be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas