

September 25, 1997

- Topic 3, Materials Research, Diamond Carbon-Based Materials, Phosphors, and Nanomaterials Synthesis  
Dr. Lise Schioler, Topic Program Officer, Mr. Darryl Gorman, SBIR Program Manager, Rooms: 330, 365, and 370

*Times:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

*Place:* National Science Foundation 4201 Wilson Boulevard Arlington, Va (unless noted).

*Type of Meetings:* Closed.

*SBIR Program Contact Person:* Cheryl Albus, Program Analyst, DMII, Room 590, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1390.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program (Solicitation No. 97-64) 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 USC 552(b)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: August 4, 1997.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Infrastructure, Methods, and Science Studies; Notice of Meetings

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

*Name:* Advisory Panel for Infrastructure, Methods, and Science Studies (#1758).

*Date & Time:* August 18-19, 1997; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 360, Arlington, Va 22230.

*Contact Person:* Bonney H. Sheahan, Program Manager for Professional Opportunities for Women in Research and Education (POWRE), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 995, Arlington, Va 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1733.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Professional Opportunities for Women in Research and Education (POWRE) proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Purpose of Meetings:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation 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 proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

*Reason for Late Notice:* Delay due to coordinating activity.

Dated: August 4, 1997.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. *Type of submission, new revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* Proposed Rule—Licensed Operator Examination Requirements.

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* As needed per power reactor facility licensee; generally once or less per year.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Those power reactor facility licensees that require additional employees to be licensed as reactor operators or senior reactor operators at the facility.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 60.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 60 power reactor facility licensees per year.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 28,520 hours.

9. *An indication of whether Section 3570(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Applicable.

10. *Abstract:* In lieu of the NRC preparing the initial operator licensing examinations using reference materials provided by the facility licensees, the NRC is now proposing to revise 10 CFR Part 55 to require power reactor facility licensees to prepare the written examinations and operating tests and submit them to the NRC for review. The NRC would review the examinations and tests, direct changes as necessary to maintain acceptable levels of quality, difficulty, and consistency, and authorize the facility licensee to administer and grade the written examinations. The NRC would continue to independently administer and grade the operating tests, review the written examination grading, and make the licensing decisions. The NRC would also retain the authority to prepare the examinations, as necessary, to maintain the proficiency of its staff or the quality of the examinations.

Submit, by September 8, 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 submittal 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 should be directed to the OMB reviewer by September 8, 1997: Edward Michlovich,

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0101), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at 202-395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of July 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Arnold E. Levin,**

*Acting Designated Senior Official for Information Resources Management.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Application for a License To Export Nuclear Material

Pursuant to 10 CFR 110.70 (b) "Public notice of receipt of an application", please take notice that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received the following application for an export license. Copies of the application are on file in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Public Document Room located at 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene may be filed within 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Any request for

hearing or petition for leave to intervene shall be served by the requestor or petitioner upon the applicant, the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555; the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555; and the Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

In its review of the applications for licenses to export nuclear grade graphite and heavy water as defined in 10 CFR Part 110 and noticed herein, the Commission does not evaluate the health, safety or environmental effects in the recipient nation of the material to be exported. The information concerning the application follows.

### NRC EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION

| Name of applicant, date of application, date received, application No. | Description of Items to be exported                         | Country of destination |
|--|---|------------------------|
| Cambridge Isotope Labs, 07/14/97, 07/16/97, XMAT0395 .....             | Heavy Water to Canada for upgrading and return to U.S. .... | Canada                 |

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
Dated this first day of August 1997 at Rockville, Maryland.

**Ronald D. Hauber,**

*Director, Division of Nonproliferation, Exports and Multilateral Relations, Office of International Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-369 and 50-370]

### In the Matter of Duke Power Company; (McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2); Exemption

#### I

The Duke Power Company (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-9 and NPF-17, for the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. The licenses provide, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

These facilities consist of two pressurized water reactors located at the licensee's site in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

#### II

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) at subsection (a) of 10 CFR 70.24, "Criticality Accident Requirements," requires that each licensee authorized to possess special

nuclear material shall maintain in each area where such material is handled, used, or stored, a criticality accident monitoring system "using gamma-or neutron-sensitive radiation detectors which will energize clearly audible alarm signals if accidental criticality occurs." Subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2) of 10 CFR 70.24 specify the detection, sensitivity, and coverage capabilities of the monitors required by 10 CFR 70.24(a). Subsection (a)(3) of 10 CFR 70.24 requires that the licensee shall maintain emergency procedures for each area in which this licensed special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored and provides (1) that the procedures ensure that all personnel withdraw to an area of safety upon the sounding of a criticality monitor alarm, (2) that the procedures must include drills to familiarize personnel with the evacuation plan, and (3) that the procedures designate responsible individuals for determining the cause of the alarm and placement of radiation survey instruments in accessible locations for use in such an emergency. Subsection (b)(1) requires licensees to have a means to quickly identify personnel who have received a dose of 10 rads or more. Subsection (b)(2) requires licensees to maintain personnel decontamination facilities, to maintain arrangements for a physician and other medical personnel qualified to handle radiation emergencies, and to maintain arrangements for the transportation of contaminated individuals to treatment facilities outside the site boundary.

Subsection (c) exempts Part 50 licensees (such as McGuire) from the requirements of paragraph (b). Subsection (d) states that any licensee who believes that there is good cause why he should be granted an exemption from all or part of 10 CFR 70.24 may apply to the Commission for such an exemption and shall specify the reasons for the relief requested.

By letter dated February 4, 1997, as supplemented March 19, 1997, Duke Power Company requested an exemption for all its nuclear plants from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24. The staff has reviewed the licensee's submittal, and documented its detailed review in a Safety Evaluation. The staff found that existing procedures and design features make an inadvertent criticality in special nuclear materials handling or storage at McGuire unlikely. The licensee has thus met the intent of 10 CFR 70.24(d) by the low probability of an inadvertent criticality in areas where fresh fuel could be present, by the licensee's adherence to General Design Criterion 63 regarding radiation monitoring, and by provisions for personnel training and evacuation.

#### III

Section 70.14 of 10 CFR, "Specific exemptions," states that

The Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the requirements of the regulations in this part as it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common