

(d) University of Alaska-Fairbanks Library, Fairbanks, AK (907-474-7224).

(e) Alamogordo Library, Alamogordo, NM (505-439-4140).

(f) Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Visitors Lobby, Building 249, 4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, CA 91109 (818-354-5179).

(g) NASA, Spaceport USA, Room 2001, John F. Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899. Please call Lisa Fowler beforehand at 407-867-2497 so that arrangements can be made.

In addition, the FSEIS may be examined at the following NASA locations by contacting the pertinent Freedom of Information Act Office:

(a) NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA 94035 (650-604-4191).

(b) NASA, Dryden Flight Research Center, P.O. Box 273, Edwards Air Force Base, CA 93523 (661-258-3449).

(c) NASA, Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH 44135 (216-433-2755).

(d) NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD 20771 (301-286-0730).

(e) NASA, Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX 77058 (281-483-8612).

(f) NASA, Langley Research Center, Hampton, VA 23665 (757-864-2497).

(g) NASA, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL 35812 (256-544-2030).

(h) NASA, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529 (228-688-2164).

Limited copies of the FSEIS are available, on a first request basis, by contacting William B. Johnson at the address, telephone number, or electronic mail address provided below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

William B. Johnson, Code 810, NASA, Goddard Space Flight Center, Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Virginia, 23337; telephone 757-824-1099; electronic mail (william.b.johnson.1@gsfc.nasa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NASA SRP is a suborbital spaceflight program primarily in support of space and earth sciences research activities sponsored by NASA. This program also provides applicable support to other government agencies as well as international sounding rocket groups and scientists. The program is a relatively low-cost, quick response effort. These experiments provide a variety of information, including high-altitude wind shear and velocity, density and temperature or particles in the upper atmosphere, and changes in the ionosphere. Sounding rocket payloads also yield valuable data on the natural conditions surrounding the

Earth, Sun, stars, galaxies, nebulae, planets, and other phenomena.

NASA uses sounding rockets to allow scientists to conduct investigations at specified times and altitudes. Sounding rockets fly vertical flight trajectories from 48 kilometers (30 miles) to over 1,290 kilometers (800 miles) in altitude. Sounding rockets provide the only means for in situ measurements at altitudes between the maximum altitude of balloons (about 48 kilometers (30 miles)) and the minimum altitude for satellites (about 160 kilometers (100 miles)). The flight normally lasts less than 30 minutes. All of the motors used in the program use solid fuel and are relatively small.

The proposed action and NASA's preferred alternative is the continued operation of the NASA SRP, as presently managed. The FSEIS focuses on programmatic changes in the NASA SRP that have taken place since the original FEIS was issued in 1973 by deleting launch vehicles that are no longer used, adding new launch vehicles and systems currently being used, and reflecting changes in Federal and State environmental statutes and regulations. The FSEIS addresses both the overall environmental impacts of the SRP and the site-specific environmental impacts at and in the area of the three principal domestic sounding rocket sites: Wallops Flight Facility, Wallops Island, Virginia; White Sands Missile Range, White Sands, New Mexico; and Poker Flat Research Range near Fairbanks, Alaska. NASA investigated alternatives to sounding rockets; alternatives to current propellants; and alternatives to the launch sites at Wallops Island, Virginia, White Sands, New Mexico, and Poker Flat, Alaska. No alternative to the sounding rocket could provide the same quality of scientific data. Alternative propellants are impractical since they would result in decreased performance, generate other pollutants, or present other physical dangers. Launching at other than the established U.S. ranges on a continual basis is not practical since it would increase adverse environmental impacts due to construction activities without realizing any operational or environmental advantages.

Some sounding rocket campaigns are conducted at other U.S. sites and at foreign locations. Prior to deciding whether to conduct sounding rocket campaigns at sites other than the three specifically addressed in the FSEIS, NASA will undertake additional site-specific environmental review and documentation, as appropriate.

Comments on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement were

solicited from Federal, State and local agencies, organizations, and the general public through: (a) Notices published in the **Federal Register**—NASA notice on June 12, 1995 (60 FR 30901), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency notice on June 16, 1995 (60 FR 31716); and (b) notices in newspapers of general circulation in areas potentially subject to environmental impacts. Comments received have been addressed in the FSEIS.

**Jeffrey E. Sutton,**

*Associate Administrator for Management Systems.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Waste Regulation

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit modification request received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of requests to modify permits issued to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this modification request on or before March 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joyce Jatko, Environmental Officer, at the above address or (703) 306-1032.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Raytheon Polar Services Company, a business unit of Raytheon Technical Services Company, is in the phase-in period for assuming responsibility for the contract to provide operations support to the United States Antarctic Program. As part of that support, Raytheon personnel will be assuming responsibility for waste management activities. Those activities are currently regulated under the terms of a permit held by the incumbent contractor, Antarctic Support Associates, Permit Number 2000WM-01. Raytheon Polar Services Company has requested that the permit be transferred to them. The transfer would be effective on or about 1 April 2000, the date the new contract is anticipated to take effect. The transfer

would modify the permit to change the permit holder from Antarctic Support Associates to Raytheon Polar Services Company, 16800 E. CentreTech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9646. All other permit conditions would remain the same.

**Joyce A. Jatko,**

*Acting Permit Officer.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice**

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on March 1-4, 2000, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, October 14, 1999 (64 FR 55787).

#### **Wednesday, March 1, 2000**

*1:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*1:15 p.m.-3:15 p.m.: Development of Risk-Informed Revisions to 10 CFR part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities"* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the status of developing risk-informed revisions to 10 CFR part 50 and related matters.

*3:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting. In addition, the Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on Low-Power and Shutdown Operations Risk Insights Report, and on Proposed Revision of the Commission's Safety Goal Policy Statement for Reactors.

*6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.: Discussion of Topics for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners* (Open)—The Committee will discuss issues associated with risk-informed regulation, including impediments to the increased use of risk-informed regulation; use of importance measures in regulatory applications, impact of the scope and quality of the PRA on importance measures, and threshold values for

importance measures; and technical adequacy of performance indicators.

#### **Thursday, March 2, 2000**

*8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 a.m.-9:15 a.m.: Discussion of Topics for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners* (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters scheduled for the meeting with the NRC Commissioners associated with risk-informed regulation and related matters.

*9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Meeting with the NRC Commissioners* (Open)—The Committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners, Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North, to discuss matters associated with risk-informed regulation and related matters.

*1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Technical Components Associated with the Revised Reactor Oversight Process* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the technical components associated with the revised reactor oversight process, including the updated significant determination process, technical adequacy of the current and proposed performance indicators, and related matters.

*2:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m.: Oconee Nuclear Power Plant License Renewal Application* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and Duke Energy Corporation regarding the license renewal application for the Oconee Nuclear Power Station and the associated NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report.

*4:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.: Proposed Final Amendment to 10 CFR 50.72 and 50.73* (Open)—The Committee will hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding issues raised by the ACRS members during the February ACRS meeting, including the intent of the 10 CFR 50.73 requirement for reporting degraded components.

*4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.: Proposed Final Revision 3 to Regulatory Guide 1.160, "Assessing and Managing Risk Before Maintenance Activities at Nuclear Power Plants"* (Open)—The Committee will hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, as needed, regarding the proposed final revision 3 to Regulatory Guide 1.160.

*5:15 p.m.-6:15 p.m.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports* (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will

prepare draft reports for consideration by the full Committee.

*6:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

#### **Friday, March 3, 2000**

*8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 a.m.-10:15 a.m.: Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table (PIRT) for High Burnup Fuel* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the use of PIRT process for high burnup fuel.

*10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Proposed Resolution of Generic Safety Issue B-17, "Criteria for Safety Related Operator Actions"* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed resolution of Generic Safety Issue B-17.

*11:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon: Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee* (Open)—The Committee will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business.

*1:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m.: Future ACRS Activities* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings.

*1:15 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters. The EDO responses are expected to be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

*1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports* (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports for consideration by the full Committee.

*2:30 p.m.-7 p.m.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

#### **Saturday, March 4, 2000**

*8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.