

Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that two meetings of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts (Access and Heritage/Preservation categories) will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20506 as follows:

*Dance:* November 5-7, 2001, Room 730. A portion of this meeting, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on November 7th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 5th-6th, and from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on November 7th, will be closed.

*Folk & Traditional Arts:* November 6-9, 2001, Room 716. A portion of this meeting, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on November 8th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on November 6th and 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on November 8th, and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 9th, will be closed.

The closed portions of these meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 22, 2001, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to (c)(4)(6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC, 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: October 11, 2001.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations,  
National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 94-541)

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of permit modification received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of requests to modify permits issued to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at title 45 part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of a requested permit modification.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**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:** Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-541), has developed regulations that implement the "Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora" for all United States citizens. The Agreed Measures, developed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, recommended establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

*Description of Permit Modification Requested:* The Foundation issued a permit (2000-004) to Dr. Paul J.

Ponganis on September 21, 1999. The issued permit allows the applicant to capture up to 60 Emperor adults and 55 Emperor chicks for collection of samples and application of various depth recorders, physiological recorders or video cameras to study the thermoregulation and underwater behavior of Emperor penguins.

The applicant requests a modification to his permit to allow access to Beaufort Island, Ross Sea, Antarctic Specially Protected Area No. 105 to perform a census at the Emperor penguin colony. Current satellite images and sea ice conditions extend further north and well beyond Beaufort Island than in previous seasons. These conditions offer a unique opportunity to census the Beaufort Island Emperor colony and compare that count with the aerial photo censuses taken over the past 15 years. Access will be via helicopter landing offshore on the sea ice and the visit is expected to require approximately 3 hours.

*Location:* ASPA 105—Beaufort Island, Ross Sea.

*Dates:* November 15, 2002 to February 28, 2002.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**

*Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-456 and STN 50-457]

### Exelon Generation Company, LLC; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Exelon Generation Company, LLC (the licensee), to withdraw its August 2, 2001, application as supplemented by their letters dated August 6, 2001, and August 7, 2001, for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-72 and NPF-77 for the Braidwood Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Will County, Illinois.

The proposed amendment would have revised the technical specification (TS), on an exigent basis, allowing the licensee to temporarily increase the average temperature limit of the UHS from 100 °F to 102 °F through September 30, 2001.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on August 15,

2001, (66 FR 42895). However, by letter dated September 21, 2001, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated August 2, 2001, as supplemented by their letters dated August 6, 2001, August 7, 2001, and the licensee's letter dated September 21, 2001, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index/html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by email to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of October 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Mahesh Chawla,**

*Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate III, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Twenty-Ninth Nuclear Safety Research Conference

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Twenty-Ninth Nuclear Safety Research Conference (NSRC), formerly known as the Water Reactor Safety Meeting, will be held October 22-24, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel at Metro Center, 775 12th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Please note that while the name of the conference has changed to more accurately reflect the broad range of topics that we now cover, the objective is still to promote dialogue with stakeholders about research that develops and confirms technical bases for regulatory decisions and prepares the Agency for the future.

Ashok C. Thadani, Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research,

will open the conference on Monday, October 22, 2001, and NRC Chairman Richard Meserve will be the keynote speaker. Roy Zimmerman, Deputy Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, will follow Chairman Meserve by discussing recent accomplishments in the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

An expert panel will provide an overview of safety research programs worldwide. Panel members will include Dr. Michel Livolant, Institute de Protection et de Surete Nucleaire of France; Dr. William Magwood, U.S. Department of Energy; Dr. Theodore Marston, Electric Power Research Institute; Dr. Kuniyoshi Soda, Japan Atomic Energy Research Institute; and Dr. Ashok Thadani, NRC.

NRC Commissioner Greta J. Dicus will be a guest speaker at the Monday morning plenary session.

Technical sessions on advanced reactors and dry cask research will be held in the afternoon.

On Tuesday, October 23, 2001, two expert panel sessions are planned in the morning. The first expert panel on waste and decommissioning will start at 8 a.m. and will discuss current research initiatives for addressing issues in human and environmental health risk assessment. Panel members will include NRC Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr.; Mr. Andrew Wallo, U.S. Department of Energy; Mr. Michael Boyd, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Mr. Thomas Cardwell, Texas Department of Health; and Mr. Luc Baekelandt, Federal Agency for Nuclear Control in Belgium.

The other expert panel will be on advanced reactors and will provide an overview of ongoing programs and a discussion of the safety attributes of advanced designs, key issues in licensing and development, research needs and priorities, and the outlook for the future. Panel members will include NRC Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield; Dr. Ron Simard, Nuclear Energy Institute; Dr. Theodore Marston, Electric Power Research Institute; Dr. William Magwood, U.S. Department of Energy; Dr. Vladimir Asmolov, Kurchatov Institute of Russia; Mr. Peter Lyons, U.S. Senate Staff (Senator Peter Domenici); and Mr. Edward Lyman, Nuclear Control Institute.

Technical sessions on fuels research and age-related issues and research will be held in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, October 24, 2001, NRC Commissioner Nils J. Diaz will provide brief remarks at 8 a.m. and will be followed by two expert panels and two technical sessions are planned. The first panel will start at 8:15 a.m. and will explore and seek innovative ways

to communicate the role, scope, and content of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research program. Panelists include Mr. Dwight Cates, Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives; Ms. Maureen Conley of Inside N.R.C.; Ms. Angie Howard, Nuclear Energy Institute; Professor Andrew Kadak, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Mr. David Lochbaum, Union of Concerned Scientists; Dr. Timo Okkonen, STUK—Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority; Ms. Margaret Federline, USNRC; and Ms. Patricia Norry, Deputy Executive Director for Management Services, USNRC.

The second expert panel will be on fuels. It will look at issues to be addressed in an NRC safety research program and discuss whether the current spectrum of research projects are adequate.

Technical sessions on fuels and risk-informing regulatory practices will be held for the remainder of the day.

This international conference includes presentations by personnel from the U.S. Government, national laboratories, private contractors, universities, reactor vendors, and a number of foreign organizations.

Those who wish to attend are encouraged to register in advance on the NSRC website ([www.bnl.gov/NSRC](http://www.bnl.gov/NSRC)) or by contacting Susan Monteleone, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Department of Nuclear Energy, Building 130, Upton, NY 11973, telephone (631) 344-7235; or Sandra Nesmith (301) 415-6437, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of October 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Mabel F. Lee,**

*Director, Program Management, Policy Development & Analysis Staff, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

**Note:** The publication date for this notice will change from every other Wednesday to every other Tuesday, effective January 8, 2002. The notice will contain the same information and will continue to be published biweekly.