

portion of the morning and afternoon sessions on March 21–22, 2002, will not be open to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), (c)(6) and (c)(9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code because the Council will consider information that may disclose: trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action. I have made this determination under the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority dated July 19, 1993.

The agenda for the session on March 21, 2002 will be as follows:

Committee Meetings

(Open to the Public) Policy Discussion

9:00—10:30 a.m.

Education Programs—Room M-07

Preservation and Access/Challenge

Grants—Room 415

Public Programs—Room 426

Research Programs—Room 315

(Closed to the Public) Discussion of specific grant applications and programs before the Council

10:30 a.m. until Adjourned

Education Programs

Preservation and Access/Challenge Grants

Public Programs

Research Programs

1:30 p.m. until Adjourned

Federal/State Partnership

The morning session on March 22, 2002 will convene at 9:00 a.m., in the 1st Floor Council Room, M-09, and will be open to the public, as set out below. The agenda for the morning session will be as follows:

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Reports

A. Introductory Remarks

B. Staff Report

C. Congressional Report

D. Reports on Policy and General Matters

1. Overview

2. Research Programs

3. Education Programs

4. preservation and Access/Challenge Grants

5. Public Programs

The remainder of the proposed meeting will be given to the consideration of specific applications and programs before the Council and closed to the public for the reasons stated above. Further information about this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Laura S. Nelson, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, or by calling (202) 606-8322, TDD (202) 606-8282.

Advance notice of any special needs or accommodations is appreciated.

Laura S. Nelson,

Advisory Committee, Management Officer.

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THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of Meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura S. Nelson, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed 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 discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* March 18, 2002.

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

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2002 deadline.

2. *Date:* March 25, 2002.

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

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2002 deadline.

3. *Date:* March 26, 2002.

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

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Special Projects, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2002 deadline.

Laura S. Nelson,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

[Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI, ASLBP No. 97-732-02-ISFSI]

Private Fuel Storage, LLC, (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation); Notice of Evidentiary Hearing and of Opportunity To Make Limited Appearance Statements

March 1, 2002.

This Atomic Safety and Licensing Board hereby gives notice that, beginning on Monday, April 8, 2002, it will convene an evidentiary hearing in Salt Lake City, Utah, to receive testimony and exhibits and to allow the cross-examination of witnesses relating to certain matters at issue in this proceeding. The hearing involves the June 1997 application of Private Fuel Storage, L.L.C. (PFS) for a license under 10 CFR part 72 to construct and operate an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) on the reservation of the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians in Skull Valley, Utah.

The State of Utah and three organizations—Ohngo Gaudadeh Devia (OGD), Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, and the Southwest Utah Wilderness Alliance (SUWA)—are among those who intervened in the proceeding to oppose the plans of PFS (which is a consortium of electric utility companies) to construct within the State's borders a temporary storage facility for spent fuel generated from various nuclear power plants in the United States. At the hearing, the Board will receive evidence on their challenges to the PFS license application concerning several contentions, or issue statements, involving geotechnical/seismic stability, "credible accident" scenarios,

hydrological impact, species affected by the facility, placement of the connecting railroad to the facility, and environmental justice.

In addition, the Board gives notice that, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.715(a), it will also entertain oral limited appearance statements from members of the public in connection with this proceeding. Information about these statements appears in Section B below.

A. Nature, Timing and Location of Evidentiary Hearing

The evidentiary hearing is currently scheduled to cover six issues. Two of these are safety related. The first, embodied in Contention Utah K/Confederated Tribes B, "Inadequate Consideration of Credible Accidents," involves the possible hazards created from aircraft and ordnance originating from sources nearby to the facility. The second, embodied in Contention Utah L, "Geotechnical," and Contention Utah QQ, "Seismic Stability," questions the ability of the PFS facility to withstand possible earthquakes.

In addition to the safety matters, the Board will hear evidence concerning the adequacy of the analysis of certain environmental issues in the Environmental Impact Statement mandated by the National Environmental Policy Act. Three of these address the natural environment. Contention Utah O, "Hydrology," focuses on potential contamination of groundwater from non-radiological waste sources at the facility. Contention Utah DD, "Ecology and Species," concerns whether the facility will disrupt the nesting habits of a pair of peregrine falcons located near the facility. Contention SUWA B, "Low Rail Line Alternatives," questions whether the Environmental Impact Statement adequately addresses alternatives to the placement of the proposed connecting railway to the facility. The fourth environmental contention, OGD O, "Environmental Justice Issues Are Not Addressed," concerns claims of that nature made by certain members of the Skull Valley Band who oppose the project.

To accommodate the State's request that the entire hearing take place in Utah rather than at the Licensing Board's Hearing Room in Rockville, Maryland, and because of the difficulty encountered in reserving suitable hearing space for lengthy periods, the hearing will take place at several different locations in Salt Lake City. The hearing schedule set out below accommodates other planned activities, the availability of witnesses, and the

availability of space. The specific dates, times, and locations of the hearing, along with the subject matter now scheduled to be addressed each day, are as follows (all times are Mountain Daylight Time):

1. *Date: Monday, April 8, 2002.*

Location: Salt Palace Convention Center, Room 251, 100 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

Time: 9 a.m. to Noon*.

Topic: Opening Statements.

* Afternoon and evening sessions will be devoted to limited appearance statements (see Section B below).

2. *Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2002.*

Location: Little America Hotel, Ballroom C, 500 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Safety Contention Utah K/Confederated Tribes B ("Credible Accidents").

3. *Dates: Wednesday, April 10, through Saturday, April 13, 2002.*

Location: Utah State Capitol, Room 129, 350 North Main, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114.

Times: 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday.

Topic: Continuation of Utah K/Confederated Tribes B.

4. *Dates: Monday, April 22 through Thursday, April 25, 2002.*

Location: Sheraton City Centre Hotel, Wasatch Room, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Topics: Environmental Contentions (see above).

5. *Dates: Monday, April 29 through Friday, May 3, 2002, (and Saturday, May 4, 2002 if needed).*

Monday, May 6 through Friday, May 10, 2002, (and Saturday, May 11, 2002 if needed).

Location: Sheraton City Centre, Wasatch Room, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Topics: Safety Contentions Utah L and Utah QQ, (Geotechnical and Seismic Stability).

6. *Dates: Monday, May 13 through Friday, May 17, 2002.*

Location: Sheraton City Centre Hotel, Wasatch Room, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Topic: If needed to complete other issues.

The hearing on these issues shall continue from day-to-day until concluded. As the hearing proceeds, the Board may make changes in the proposed schedule, lengthening or shortening each day's session or canceling a session, as deemed

appropriate to allow for witnesses' availability and other matters arising during the course of the proceeding. The Board will attempt to make these day-to-day scheduling adjustments accessible on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov>, which is being rebuilt because of security concerns; in any event, news media covering the hearing will be alerted to any schedule changes.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend any and all of the sessions listed above, but should note that those sessions are adjudicatory proceedings open to the public for observation only. (Those who wish to participate are invited to offer limited appearance statements as provided in Section B, below.) Conduct of members of the public at NRC adjudicatory proceedings is governed by 66 FR 31719 (June 12, 2001), an excerpt from which follows this notice.

Attendees are strongly advised to arrive sufficiently early to allow time to pass through a security screening checkpoint. Further, in the interest of permitting prompt access to the hearing room, attendees are requested to refrain from bringing any unnecessary hand carried items (such as packages, briefcases, backpacks, and other items that might need to be examined individually). There will be no facilities available for storing any items outside the hearing room, and attendees with items requiring inspection may be delayed in obtaining entry. Items that could readily be used as weapons will not be permitted in the hearing room.

B. Oral Limited Appearance Statement Sessions

1. Date, Time, and Location

The Board will conduct sessions to provide members of the public with an opportunity to make oral limited appearance statements on the following dates at the specified locations and times:

a. *Date: Monday, April 8, 2002.*

Location: Salt Palace Convention Center, Room 251, 100 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101.

Times: Afternoon Session—2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Evening Session—7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

b. *Date: Friday, April 26, 2002.*

Location: Tooele High School Auditorium, 240 West 100 South, Tooele, Utah 84074.

Times: Afternoon Session—3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Evening Session—7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

2. Participation Guidelines for Oral Limited Appearance Statements

Any person not party to the proceeding has the opportunity, as specified below, to make an oral statement setting forth his or her position on matters of concern relating to this proceeding. Although these statements will be transcribed, and will become part of the record of the proceeding for future reference, they do not constitute evidence upon which a decision may be based.

Oral limited appearance statements will be entertained during the hours specified above, or such lesser time as may be sufficient to accommodate the speakers who are present (if all scheduled and unscheduled speakers present at a session have made a presentation, the Licensing Board reserves the right to terminate the session before the ending times listed above). The Licensing Board also reserves the right to cancel any session scheduled above if there has not been a sufficient showing of public interest as reflected by the number of preregistered speakers.

In order to accommodate as many speakers as feasible, the time allotted for each statement normally will be no more than three minutes. That time limit may be altered, depending on the number of written requests that are submitted in accordance with subsection 3 below, and/or the number of persons present at the designated times. The same security guidelines applicable to the hearing will be applicable to the limited appearance sessions as well, although the limited appearance sessions are not deemed to be "adjudicatory proceedings" within the meaning of those guidelines.

3. Submitting a Request To Make an Oral Limited Appearance Statement

Persons wishing to make an oral statement who have submitted a timely written request to do so will be given priority over those who have not filed such a request. In order to be considered timely, a written request to make an oral statement must be mailed, faxed, or sent by e-mail so as to be received at NRC Headquarters by 4:30 p.m. EST on *Monday, April 1, 2002*. In light of possible mail delivery delays, persons able to do so may wish to use fax or e-mail to assure that their requests are timely received.

The request must specify the day and time of the session at which the oral statement is to be made (specify *Monday, April 8* or *Friday, April 26, 2002*, and specify *afternoon* or *evening*). Based on its review of the requests

received at NRC headquarters by April 1, 2002, the Licensing Board may, as noted above, decide to cancel one or more sessions due to lack of interest. Any such cancellation will be communicated to local news media and, if possible, posted on the NRC website.

Written requests to make an oral statement are to be submitted to:

Mail: Office of the Secretary, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Fax: (301) 415-1101 (verification (301) 415-1966).

E-mail: hearingdocket@nrc.gov.

In addition, using the same method of service, *a copy of the request must be sent to the Licensing Board as follows:*

Mail: PFS Limited Appearance Box, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T-3F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Fax: (301) 415-5599 (verification (301) 415-7550).

E-mail: mrm@nrc.gov.

Phone requests to make limited appearance statements will not be accepted.

4. Submitting Written Limited Appearance Statements

A written limited appearance statement may be submitted at any time. Such statements should be sent to the Office of the Secretary using the methods prescribed above, with a copy to the Licensing Board as noted above.

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Documents relating to the PFS license application at issue in this proceeding are now on file at the Commission's Public Document Room, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, 20850, and at the University of Utah, Marriott Library, Documents Division, 295 S. 1500 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112-0860, and may also be obtained through ADAMS, the electronic Agencywide Documents Access and Management System, accessible through the NRC website.

Dated: Rockville, Maryland, March 1, 2002.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.

Michael C. Farrar,

Administrative Judge.

Excerpt from **Federal Register** notice published on June 12, 2001 (66 FR 31719):

In order to balance the orderly conduct of government business with the right of free speech, the following procedures regarding attendance at NRC public meetings and hearings have been established:

Visitors (other than properly identified Congressional, press, and government

personnel) may be subject to personnel screening, such as passing through metal detectors and inspecting visitors' briefcases, packages, etc.

Signs, banners, posters and displays will be prohibited from all NRC adjudicatory proceedings (Commission and Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel hearings) because they are disruptive to the conduct of the adjudicatory process. Signs, banners, posters and displays not larger than 18" x 18" will be permitted at all other NRC proceedings, but cannot be waved, held over one's head or generally moved about while in the meeting room. Signs, banners, posters and displays larger than 18' x 18' will not be permitted in the meeting room because they are disruptive both to the participants and the audience. Additionally, signs, banners, posters, and displays affixed to any sticks, poles or other similar devices will not be permitted in the meeting room.

The presiding official will note, on the record, any disruptive behavior and warn the person to cease the behavior. If the person does not cease the behavior, the presiding official may call a brief recess to restore order and/or ask one of the security personnel on hand to remove the person.

Copies of this notice were sent this date by Internet e-mail transmission to counsel for (1) Applicant PFS; (2) intervenors Skull Valley Band, Ohngo Gaudadeh Devia, Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, and the State of Utah; and (3) the NRC Staff.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-311]

PSEG Nuclear LLC; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-75 issued to PSEG Nuclear LLC (the licensee) for operation of the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2, located in Salem County, New Jersey.

The proposed amendment would revise Technical Specification (TS) Section 6.8.4.f, "Primary Containment Leakage Rate Testing Program." The proposed change would allow a one-time test interval extension for the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2, Type A Integrated Leakage Rate Test (ILRT) from a maximum 10-year interval to a maximum 15-year interval.