

includes design modifications and agreements to include Russia as a partner, and incorporates Russian hardware and capabilities into the program.

The proposed action considered in this Tier 2 EIS is to continue the implementation of the U.S. contribution to the overall effort to assemble and operate the ISS. The remaining alternative involves the "No Action" alternative (*i.e.*, cancellation of U.S. participation in the ISS). Significant design changes that have occurred since the Tier 1 EIS include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: The number of research laboratories on the space station has been increased from three to six; the number of logistics modules has been increased from one to two; the pressurized volume has been almost doubled; the crew size has been increased from four to six; and the orbital inclination has been changed from 28.5 degrees to 51.6 degrees, permitting space station access by Russian launch vehicles and additional mission control capabilities from Russia's mission control center. The ISS contemplates 15 Russian launches, increasing the total number of launches through completion of assembly from 32 to 44, and reducing the number of U.S. launches from 29 to 27, one European launch, and one launch yet to be determined. Accordingly, resupply flights to the completed ISS will now include Russian as well as U.S. flights; whereas Space Station Freedom was to be resupplied exclusively by U.S. Space Shuttle flights. The planned U.S. launches will not include any expendable launch vehicles; only the Space Shuttle will be used. However, the U.S. may use expendable launch vehicles in a contingency or backup role.

The design of the ISS has progressed to the point where it is now possible to conduct a quantitative analysis of the probability and consequences of accidental or uncontrolled reentry into the Earth's atmosphere. The Tier 2 EIS will assess the probabilities and potential impacts associated with accidental or uncontrolled reentry. The Tier 2 EIS also will address decommissioning alternatives, including the plan presented in the Tier 1 EIS.

Other issues to be addressed in the Tier 2 EIS include, but will not necessarily be limited to, the following: the cumulative effects of the U.S. launches associated with the assembly and operation of the ISS; the change to a Unsymmetrical Dimethylhydrazine/Nitrogen Tetroxide propulsion system; and the venting and outgassing of

nontoxic gases from the ISS. The Tier 2 EIS will address environmental effects on the United States and the integrated ISS impacts on the global commons.

Written public input and comments on the range of alternatives being considered and the potential environmental issues related to the assembly and the operation of the International Space Station are hereby solicited.

Dated: May 12, 1995.

Benita A. Cooper,

Associate Administrator for Management Systems and Facilities.

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[Notice 95-032]

Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of intent to grant a patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice of intent to grant MERCO Incorporated, 1667 Cole Boulevard, Suite 400, Golden, Colorado 80401, a partially exclusive license to practice the invention protected by U.S. Patent No. 5,128,797, "NON-MECHANICAL OPTICAL PATH SWITCHING AND ITS APPLICATION TO DUAL BEAM SPECTROSCOPY INCLUDING GAS FILTER CORRELATION RADIOMETRY," which was issued on July 7, 1992, by the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The partially exclusive license will contain appropriate terms and conditions to be negotiated in accordance with the Department of Commerce patent licensing regulations (37 CFR 404). NASA will negotiate the final terms and conditions and grant the license unless, within 60 days of the date of this notice, the Director of Patent Licensing receives written objections to the grant, together with supporting documentation. The Director of Licensing will review all written responses to the notice and then recommend to the Associate General Counsel (Intellectual Property) whether to grant the license.

DATES: Comments to the notice must be received by July 24, 1995.

ADDRESSES: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Code GP, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Harry Lupuloff, NASA, Director of Patent Licensing, (202) 358-2041.

Dated: May 16, 1995.

Edward A. Frankle,

General Counsel.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LITERACY

National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board, National Institute for Literacy.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This Notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board (Board). This notice also describes the function of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

DATES AND TIMES: June 15, 1995, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: World Education, 210 Lincoln Street, 6th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts, 02111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharyn M. Abbott, Acting Executive Officer, National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone (202) 632-1503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board is established under Section 384 of the Adult Education Act, as amended by Title I of Public Law 102-73, the National Literacy Act of 1991. The Board consists of ten individuals appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board is established to advise and make recommendations to the Interagency Group, composed of the Secretaries of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services, which administers the National Institute for Literacy (Institute). The Interagency Group considers the Board's recommendations in planning the goals of the Institute and in the implementation of any programs to achieve the goals of the Institute. Specifically, the Board performs the following functions: (a) Makes recommendations concerning the appointment of the Director and the staff of the Institute; (b) provides independent advice on operation of the Institute; and (c) receives reports from the Interagency Group and the Director of the Institute. In addition, the Institute consults with the Board on the award of

fellowships. The Board will meet in Boston, Massachusetts on June 15, 1995 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting of the Board is open to the public. The agenda includes discussion of the Institute's plans and priorities for program years 1995 and 1996; the status of new Board member nominations; and other relevant Institute matters. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the National Institute for Literacy, 800 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dated: May 17, 1995.

Andrew J. Hartman,

Executive Director, National Institute for Literacy.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from May 1, 1995, through May 12, 1995. The last biweekly notice was published on May 10, 1995 (60 FR 24904).

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration.

Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received before action is taken. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. The filing of requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By June 23, 1995, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be

affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC and at the local public document room for the particular facility involved. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of a hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the