

U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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M. Rebecca Winkler,  
*Committee Management Officer.*

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### Advisory Committee for Geosciences (1755); Notice of Meeting

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

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Geosciences (#1755).

*Dates:* November 28-29, 1995.

*Time:* 1:00-5:00 p.m. November 28 and 8:30-5:00 p.m. November 29.

*Place:* Room 375, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Thomas J. Baerwald, Deputy Assistant Director for Geosciences, Suite 705, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230, 703-306-1502.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for research, education, and human resources development in the geosciences.

*Agenda:*

The Federal outlook for the geosciences Education and Human Resources Subcommittee issues

Reports from divisional subcommittees  
Committee of Visitor (COV) reports  
Evaluation of the NSF peer-review system  
Government Performance and Results Act Data for use by COV's and AC/GEO  
Refinement of the GEO COV process

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences; Notice of Meeting

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

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (1756).

*Date and Time:* December 1, 1995; 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room #770, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Judith L. Hannah, Program Director, Education and Human Resources Program, Division of Earth

Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1557.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate REU-Sites Panel proposals 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 U.S.C. 552(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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### Special Emphasis Panel in the Division of Physics; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces that the Special Emphasis Panel in Physics will be holding a panel meeting for the purpose of reviewing proposals submitted to the Special Programs for the Research Experiences for Undergraduate. In order to review the proposals, panel meeting will be held on November 30 and December 1, 1995. The meeting will be closed to the public and will be held at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Va. from 8:30 to 5:00 each day.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Rolf M. Sinclair, Program Director for Special Programs, Division of Physics, NSF, Room 1015, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 (703) 306-1809.

*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 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Science Resource Studies; Notice of meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science

Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Science Resources Studies.

*Date and Time:* December 1, 1995; 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 970, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Ann Lanier, Ph.D., Project Director for Survey of Research Facilities, Division of Science Resources Studies, Suite 965, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone (703) 306-1774, FAX (703) 306-0510, e.mail: ALANIER@nsf.gov.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To review and comment on the proposed modifications to the format and contents of the 1996 report to Congress: Scientific and Engineering Research Facilities at Universities and Colleges.

*Agenda:* The morning will be used by the advisory panel to comment on the content and format of the 1994 report to Congress. The afternoon will be used to review the new and modified items on the 1996 survey and recommended analysis plan for the 1996 report to Congress.

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 317]

#### Baltimore Gas and Electric Company; Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of a temporary exemption from the provisions of 10 CFR 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and Appendix K to 10 CFR Part 50 to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (the licensee), for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit No. 1 (CC1), located in Calvert County, Maryland.

Environmental Assessment

#### Identification of the Proposed Action

This Environmental Assessment has been prepared to address potential environmental issues related to the licensee's application of July 13, 1995. The proposed action would allow the licensee to use four lead fuel assemblies with advanced cladding material, zirconium-based alloys, that do not meet the definition of Zircaloy or ZIRLO which are referred to in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The lead fuel assemblies are scheduled to be

loaded into the CC1 reactor core during the upcoming refueling outage and will remain in the core for Cycles 13, 14, and 15.

#### *The Need for the Proposed Action*

The proposed temporary exemption from 10 CFR 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and Appendix K to 10 CFR Part 50 is needed because these regulations specifically refer to light-water reactors containing fuel consisting of uranium oxide pellets enclosed in zircaloy or ZIRLO tubes. A new zirconium-based alloy cladding has been developed, which is not the same chemical composition as zircaloy or ZIRLO, and the licensee wants to insert assemblies with the new cladding material into the CC1 reactor core and test them during power operation.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

With regard to potential radiological impacts to the general public, the proposed temporary exemption involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The lead fuel assemblies, with the zirconium-based alloy cladding, meet the same design basis as the Zircaloy-4 fuel which is currently in the CC1 reactor core. No safety limits will be changed or setpoints altered as a result of using the lead fuel assemblies. The Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) analysis are bounding for the lead fuel assemblies as well as the remainder of the core. The mechanical properties and behavior of the lead fuel assemblies during postulated loss-of-coolant accidents (LOCA) and non-LOCA transients and operational transients will be essentially the same. In addition, the four lead fuel assemblies represent a small portion of the total core and will be placed in non-limiting core locations which experience no more than 0.95 of the core power density during operation. The small number of lead fuel assemblies, in conjunction with the similarity of the chemical and material characteristics with the existing fuel, ensures that hydrogen production will not be significantly different from previous assessments.

Therefore, the proposed temporary exemption, which would allow the operation of CC1 with four lead fuel assemblies in its reactor core, will not significantly affect the consequences of radiological accidents previously considered.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect

nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would deny the licensee the operational flexibility to demonstrate any improved cladding material performance and would not reduce the environmental impacts.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for CC1.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on October 24, 1995, the staff consulted with the Maryland State official, Mr. Richard McLean of the Department of Natural Resources, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### *Finding of No Significant Impact*

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated July 13, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Calvert County Library, Prince Frederick, Maryland 20678.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of November 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
Ledyard B. Marsh,  
*Director, Project Directorate I-1, Division of  
Reactor Projects—II, Office of Nuclear  
Reactor Regulation.*

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Proposed Data Collection Available for Public Comment and Recommendations

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

*Comments are invited on:* (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

#### Title and Purpose of Information Collection

##### *RUIA Claims Notification and Verification System*

Section 5 (b) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, as amended by the Railroad Unemployment Insurance and Retirement Improvement Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-647), requires that "when a claim for benefits is filed with the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB), the RRB shall provide notice of such claim to the claimant's base year employer or employers and afford such employer or employers an opportunity to submit information relevant to the claim before making an initial determination on the claim." The purpose of the claims notification system is to provide to each unemployment and sickness claimant's base year employer or current employer, notice of each application and claim for benefits under the RUIA and to provide an opportunity for employers to convey information relevant to the proper adjudication of the claim. Railroad employers receive notice of applications and claims by one of two options. The first option, Form Letter ID-4K is a computer generated form letter notice of all unemployment applications, unemployment claims and sickness claims received from employees of a railroad company on a particular day. Form Letters ID-4K are mailed on a daily basis to officials designated by railroad employers. The second option is an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)