

amendment. No changes resulting from the reorganization are expected with regard to the following: lines of authority and responsibility, essential nuclear support functions provided to Palo Verde, effectiveness of the organization, priorities and ongoing plant improvement projects, technical qualifications, and corporate financial resources presently available in support of Palo Verde operations.

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve 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 staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the "Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3," dated February 1982.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on November 9, 1995, the staff consulted with the Arizona State official, Mr. William Wright of the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency, 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 October 3, 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 Phoenix Public Library, 12 N. Central, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of November 1995.

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## NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

### **Board Meeting: Scientific Activities in the ESF, Repository Design Issues, Program Priorities, Use of Expert Judgment, Defense Waste Impact Issues, and Response to NAS Standards Report Top List for January 1996 Meeting in Las Vegas**

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold its winter meeting on January 10 and 11, 1996, in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 4255 South Paradise Road, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109; (Tel) 702-369-4400; (Fax) 702-369-3770. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 8:30 a.m. both days.

Presentations during the meeting will cover a variety of subjects. Scientific activities taking place in the exploratory studies facility and repository design issues top the list. Fiscal year 1996 program priorities within the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management and the use of expert judgment are also key issues that will be reviewed. Additional topics planned for the two-day meeting include: deposition of surplus weapons plutonium; defense waste planning for Yucca Mountain; reactions from the Environmental

Protection Agency, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Department of Energy (DOE) to the National Academy of Sciences report on the technical bases for Yucca Mountain standards; waste management efforts in the People's Republic of China and the United Kingdom; and the DOE's technical basis report on surface processes.

Time will be set aside on the agenda for public comment and questions. To ensure that everyone wishing to speak is provided time to do so, the Board encourages those who have comments to sign the Public Comment Register, which will be located at the sign-in table. Those registering are advised that, depending on the number of people wishing to speak, a speaking time limit may have to be set on the length of individual remarks. However, written comments of any length may be submitted for the record.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE in its program to manage the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste. In that same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for its suitability as a potential location for a permanent repository for the disposal of that waste.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available on computer disk or on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes, Board staff, beginning February 26, 1996. For further information, contact Frank Randall, External Affairs, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 910, Arlington, Virginia 22209; (Tel) 703-235-4473; (Fax) 703-235-4495.

Dated: November 16, 1995.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### **Federal Salary Council**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the forty-seventh