

Administration, Room 9K70, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-2088.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Call to Order
- Reading of Minutes
- Update on NASA SDB Program
- Report from the Chairman
- Public Comment
- Proposed MBRAC Recommendations
- Subcommittee Reports
- New Business
- Adjourn

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: March 26, 1996.

Leslie M. Nolan,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space
Administration.*

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Cross Disciplinary Activities; 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 Cross Disciplinary Activities (#1193).

Date and Time: March 29, 1996; 8:30 am-5 pm

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1150, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed

Contact Person(s): Rita V. Rodriguez, Program Director, CISE/CDA, Room 1160, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1980.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate CISE Minority Institutions Infrastructure proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

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

Dated: March 6, 1996.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 19, 1996.

PLACE: The Board Room, 5th Floor, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20594.0

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

6531A Railroad Accident Report: Collision of Two New York City Transit Subway Trains in Brooklyn, New York, February 9, 1995.

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: Telephone: (202) 382-0660.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Bea Hardesty, (202) 382-6525.

Dated: March 8, 1996.

Bea Hardesty,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. STN 50-529]

Arizona Public Service Company, et al. (Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2); Exemption

I

The Arizona Public Service Company, et al. (APS or the licensee), is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF-51, which authorizes operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS), Unit No. 2, a pressurized-water reactor (PWR) located in Maricopa County, Arizona. This license provides, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all the rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

II

Section 50.46 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 50.46) contains acceptance criteria for emergency core cooling systems (ECCS) for light-water nuclear power reactors fueled with uranium oxide pellets within cylindrical zircaloy cladding. Further, 10 CFR 50.46 states that ECCS cooling performance following

postulated loss-of-coolant accidents must be calculated in accordance with an acceptable evaluation model.

Appendix K to 10 CFR Part 50 contains the required and acceptable features for ECCS evaluation models. Finally, 10 CFR 50.44 contains requirements for the control of hydrogen gas that may be generated after a postulated loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) in light-water power reactors fueled with uranium oxide pellets within cylindrical zircaloy cladding.

III

By letter dated December 20, 1995, APS submitted an amendment request for PVNGS Unit 2 to allow fuel rods clad with advanced zirconium-based alloys to be substituted in two fuel assemblies for up to 40 rods clad with conventional Zircaloy-4. These assemblies would be used for evaluating in-reactor performance during fuel cycles 7, 8, and 9.

By letter dated January 12, 1996, APS submitted a request for an exemption to 10 CFR 50.46, 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, and 10 CFR 50.44. These regulations refer to the use of zircaloy, but do not clearly specify what is considered zircaloy. Therefore, the use of advanced zirconium-based alloys rather than conventional Zircaloy-4 may not be within the regulatory basis.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), "The Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of the regulations of this part, which are—(1) Authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security. (2) The Commission will not consider granting an exemption unless special circumstances are present. Special circumstances are present whenever * * * (ii) Application of the regulation in the particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule."

The Code of Federal Regulations at 10 CFR 50.46 states: "Each boiling and pressurized light-water nuclear power reactor fueled with uranium oxide pellets within cylindrical Zircaloy cladding must be provided with an ECCS that must be designed such that its calculated cooling performance following postulated loss-of-coolant accidents conforms to the criteria set forth in paragraph (b) of this section. ECCS cooling performance must be calculated in accordance with an acceptable evaluation model and must be calculated for a number of postulated