

*Agenda: Open Session:* May 9, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., to discuss goals and assessment procedures. *Closed Session:* May 8, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., May 9, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and May 10, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To review and evaluate Developmental Neuroscience 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. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 15, 1996.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

*Committee Management Officer.*

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### Special Emphasis Panel in Physics; 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 Physics (#1208).

*Date:* May 8-10, 1996.

*Place:* Stanford University, Room AP 299, Ginzton Laboratory, Stanford, California.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Richard Isaacson, Program Director, Gravitational Physics Program, Physics Division, Room 1015, National Science Foundation, 4201 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1899.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To evaluate the proposed Stanford Advanced Gravitational-Wave Laser Interferometer Program, headed by Professor Robert Byer.

*Agenda:* The Panel will review Stanford's proposed new research activities, and their relation to the LIGO project. They will examine the group's experimental facilities and laboratories. Detailed discussions will be held on technical issues, as well as organization and management of the planned R&D.

*Reason for Closing:* The Proposal being reviewed includes information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; information on personnel and proprietary data for present and future subcontracts. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-32714]

#### DowElanco, Environmental Assessment: Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing Related to Amendment of Material License Number 13-26398-01

**ACTION:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering an amendment to NRC License No. 13-26398-01, for continued use of carbon-14 (C-14) in pesticide testing at the DowElanco Greenfield Field Research Station (Greenfield, Indiana).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Environmental Assessment

#### Description of the Proposed Action

The proposed action is to amend NRC Byproduct Material License No. 13-26398-01, issued to DowElanco on September 21, 1992, and amended on May 14, 1993. Pursuant to the 1993 amendment, the license presently authorizes DowElanco personnel to complete the following: (1) use byproduct material at the DowElanco Indianapolis Research and Development Site (Zionsville Road, Indianapolis, Indiana); and (2) conduct C-14-labeled pesticide studies, during 1993, on small, controlled, outdoor, test areas at the DowElanco Greenfield Field Research Station (Greenfield, Indiana) (hereafter referred to as the Station). The proposed NRC license amendment will authorize DowElanco personnel to continue to use C-14 in pesticide studies, using the same methods, control areas, and small test plots examined during the environmental assessment (EA) process that accompanied the 1993 amendment authorization for field studies at the Station. Authorization granted by the proposed amendment will be in effect until the next license renewal, at which time the environmental impacts will again be examined and assessed as deemed necessary. The EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed action, presented herein, accompanies the proposed amendment and, as will be discussed, encompasses a period of time that is expected to exceed the date of the next license renewal (i.e., a period that also exceeds the duration of the proposed amendment to the license and assumes many years of DowElanco ownership

and use of the Station for the required C-14 studies). The purpose of the pesticide studies was further explained in NRC's "Environmental Assessment: Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing Related to Amendment of Material License 13-26398-01, DowElanco," published prior to the 1993 studies in the Federal Register (FR) on May 14, 1993 (58 FR 28638).

The non-site-specific aspects of the C-14-labeled pesticide studies continue to be performed under DowElanco's current authority, as provided in NRC License No. 13-26398-01 (e.g., possession of C-14 before application; preparation of C-14-labeled pesticides; use and subsequent laboratory analysis of C-14 in soil and plant samples; disposal of waste consisting of radioactive material; and compliance with regulatory requirements for C-14 use and bioassay).

#### Background

As stated in the 1993 EA (58 FR 28638), the Vice President of DowElanco Research and Development requested an NRC license (application dated March 6, 1992). The request included authorization to perform C-14-labeled pesticide research and registration studies on plants growing in a farm and orchard environment at the Station. DowElanco manufactures and develops a variety of chemicals for agricultural use, including pesticides (i.e., insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides) for treating ornamental plants, food crops, and feed crops. The exploratory research studies are conducted to examine the fate of pesticides in and on various plant species. The studies are being completed, as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for registering the pesticide and permitting sale in the United States and other countries. Specifically, pesticides intended for use on agricultural commodities must be registered by EPA under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (as amended), as required by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (as amended).

DowElanco requested the following three types of field studies using C-14: two specific types of pesticide field studies for registration with the EPA, requiring use of C-14-labeled pesticides in an outdoor environment (referred to as the nature-of-the-residue and confined-rotational-crop studies); and lysimeter studies to augment the EPA studies. Further, DowElanco anticipates that open-field (i.e., outdoor) C-14 pesticide studies will be conducted at