

- (e) Monday, July 14, 1997; 7:00 p.m.; US Army Dugway Proving Grounds, Old Post Headquarters, Building 5450, Command Conference Room, Dugway, Utah 84022.
- (f) Tuesday, July 15, 1997; 6:00 p.m.; Salt Lake City Public Library, Main Library Lecture Hall, 209 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.
- (g) Wednesday, July 16, 1997; 7:00 p.m.; Tooele Senior Center, 59 East Vine Street, Tooele, Utah 84074.
- (h) Monday, July 21, 1997; 7:00 p.m.; Lancaster High School, 44701 32nd Street West, Lancaster, California 93536.
- (i) Tuesday, July 22, 1997; 7:00 p.m.; Boron High School, 26831 Prospect Street, Boron, California 93516.
- (j) Wednesday, July 23, 1997; 7:00 p.m.; Burroughs High School, 500 East French Street, Ridgecrest, California 93555.
- (k) Thursday, July 24, 1997; 7:00 p.m.; Baker Senior Citizen Center, 73730 Baker Blvd., Baker, California 92309.

**Benita A. Cooper,**

*Associate Administrator for Management Systems and Facilities.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### National Endowment for the Arts; Combined Arts Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel, Theater Section (Heritage & Preservation and Education & Access categories) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on July 28-31, 1997. The panel will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on July 28-30 and from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 31, in Room 714 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 2:30 to 5:30 on July 30, will be open to the public for a discussion of policy, guidelines, Leadership Initiatives, and field trends and needs.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on July 28-29, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on July 30, and from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 31, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in

confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of March 31, 1997, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C., 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: June 27, 1997.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; Committee of Visitors; 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 Biological Sciences; Committee of Visitors (1110).

*Date and Time:* July 21-23, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 330 & 340, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. John C. S. Fray [Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience], National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1420.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including examination of decisions on proposals, reviewer comments, and other privileged materials.

*Agenda:* To provide oversight review of the Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience.

*Reason for Closing:* The meeting is closed to the public because the Committee is

reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if they are disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters are exempt under U.S.C. (c) (4) and (6) of the Government in The Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

Dated: June 30, 1997.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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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:* July 24, 1997; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Room 330.

*Contact Person:* Robert Voigt, HPCC Coordinator, CISE/OCDA, Room 1105, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1980.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Challenges in CISE 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: June 30, 1997.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

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

*Names and Committee Code:* Special Emphasis Panel in Polar Program #1209.

*Dates and Times:* July 28, 1997; 6:00 p.m.–10:00 pm, July 29, 1997; 8:00 am–6:00 pm, July 30, 1997; 8:00 am–5:00 pm.

*Place:* University of Chicago, Ida Noyes Hall, 1212 E. 59th Street, Chicago Ill.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Linda E. Duguay, Technical Coordinator, Office of Polar Programs, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for the Center for Astrophysical Research in the Antarctic, Science and Technology Center, University of Chicago.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate a proposal and provide advice and recommendations as part of the review process for proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation.

*Reason for Closing:* The activity being evaluated may 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.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-289]

### GPU Nuclear Corporation, Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations for Facility Operating License No. DRP-50 issued to GPU Nuclear Corporation (the licensee), for operation of Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1) located in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of Proposed

The proposed action would exempt the GPU Nuclear Corporation from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24(a), which requires a monitoring system that will energize clear audible alarms if accidental criticality occurs in each area in which special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored. The proposed action would also exempt the licensee from the requirements to maintain emergency procedures for each area in

which this licensed special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored to ensure that all personnel withdraw to an area of safety upon the sounding of the alarm, to familiarize personnel with the evacuation plan, and to designate responsible individuals for determining the cause of the alarm, and to place radiation survey instruments in accessible locations for use in such an emergency.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated February 7, 1997, as supplemented March 26 and June 5, 1997.

#### The Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose of 10 CFR 70.24(a) is to ensure that if a criticality were to occur during the handling of special nuclear material, personnel would be alerted to that fact and would take appropriate action. At a commercial nuclear power plant, the inadvertent criticality with which 10 CFR 70.24 is concerned could occur during fuel handling operations. The special nuclear material that could be assembled into a critical mass at a commercial nuclear power plant is in the form of nuclear fuel; the quantity of other forms of special nuclear material that is stored on site is small enough to preclude achieving a critical mass. Because the fuel is not enriched beyond 5.0 weight percent Uranium-235 and because commercial nuclear plant licensees have procedures and design features that prevent inadvertent criticality, the staff has determined that inadvertent criticality is not likely to occur due to the handling of special nuclear material at a commercial power reactor. The requirements of 10 CFR 70.24(a), therefore, are not necessary to ensure the safety of personnel during the handling of special nuclear materials at commercial power reactors.

#### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there is no significant environmental impact if the exemption is granted. Inadvertent or accidental criticality will be precluded through compliance with the TMI-1 Technical Specifications (TS), the design of the fuel storage racks providing geometric spacing of fuel assemblies in their storage locations, and administrative controls imposed on fuel handling procedures. TS requirements specify reactivity limits for the fuel storage racks and minimum spacing between the fuel assemblies in the storage racks.

Appendix A of 10 CFR Part 50, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear

Power Plants," Criterion 62, requires that criticality in the fuel storage and handling system shall be prevented by physical systems or processes, preferably by use of geometrically safe configurations. This is met at TMI-1, as identified in Section 5.4.1 of the TS. TMI-1 TS Section 5.4-1 states that new fuel will normally be stored in the fuel storage vault or spent fuel pools.

For the new fuel storage vault, the fuel assemblies are stored in racks in parallel rows having a nominal center to center distance of 21 1/8 inches in both directions. The spacing in the new fuel storage vault is sufficient to maintain  $K_{eff}$  less than 0.95 based on storage of fuel assemblies in clean unborated water or less than 0.98 based on storage in an optimum hypothetical low density moderator (fog or foam) for fuel assemblies with a nominal enrichment of 5.0 weight percent  $U^{235}$ . When fuel is being stored in the new fuel storage vault, twelve (12) storage locations (aligned in two rows of six locations each; transverse row numbers four and eight) must be left vacant of fissile or moderating material to provide sufficient neutron leakage to satisfy the NRC maximum allowable reactivity value under the optimum low moderator density condition.

For Spent Fuel Pool "A," the fuel assemblies are stored in racks in parallel rows, having a nominal center to center distance of 11.1 inches in both directions for the Region I racks and 9.2 inches in both directions for the Region II racks. The spacing in the Spent Fuel Pool "A" storage locations for both Regions I and II is adequate to maintain  $K_{eff}$  less than 0.95. Region I will store fuel with a maximum 5.0 percent initial enrichment. Region II will store new fuel with low enrichment. When fuel is being moved in or over the Spent Fuel Storage Pool "A" and fuel is being stored in the pool, a boron concentration of at least 600 ppmb must be maintained to meet the NRC maximum allowable reactivity value under the postulated accident condition.

For Spent Fuel Pool "B," the fuel assemblies are stored in racks in parallel rows, having nominal center to center distance of 13 5/8 inches in both directions. This spacing is sufficient to maintain a  $K_{eff}$  less than 0.95 based on fuel assemblies with a maximum enrichment of 4.37 weight percent  $U^{235}$ . When fuel is being moved in or over the Spent Fuel Storage Pool "B" and fuel is being stored in the pool, a boron concentration of at least 600 ppmb must be maintained to meet the NRC maximum allowable reactivity value