

Oneida, New York who were adversely affected by increased company imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-56,985 is hereby issued as follows:

“All workers of Oneida Ltd., Main Plant, Sherrill, New York (TA-W-56,985), Oneida Ltd., Sales Office, Oneida, New York (TA-W-56,985A), including an employee of Oneida Ltd., Sales Office, Oneida, New York located in Lawrenceville, Georgia (TA-W-56,985C) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after April 1, 2005, through May 27, 2007, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.” And

“All workers of Oneida Ltd., Main Plant, Sherrill, New York (TA-W-56,985), Oneida Ltd., Sales Office, Oneida, New York (TA-W-56,985A), Oneida Ltd., Distribution Facility, Sherrill, New York (TA-W-56,985B) and including an employee of Oneida Ltd., Sales Office, Oneida, New York located in Lawrenceville, Georgia (TA-W-56,985C) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after April 6, 2004, through May 27, 2007, are eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974.”

Signed at Washington, DC, this 24th day of August 2006.

**Elliott S. Kushner,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### U.S. Chief Financial Officer Council; Grants Policy Committee Meeting

**ACTION:** Notice of open stakeholder meeting and Webcast.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the first of a series of open Webcast stakeholder meetings sponsored by the Grants Policy Committee of the U.S. Chief Financial Officer Council.

**DATES:** The Committee will hold an open stakeholder meeting and Webcast on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Room B-180 of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development at 451 7th Street SW., Washington, DC 20410. Seating is limited—the first 80 people to respond can be part of the live audience. To reserve your seat, contact Charisse Carey-Nunes National Science Foundation. Telephone: (703) 292-5056. E-mail: [ccarney@nsf.gov](mailto:ccarney@nsf.gov). All who have reserved seating, must arrive at the HUD building fifteen minutes prior to broadcast, arrive on the North side of the building, you must have photo ID to gain access and will have to go to the security screening.

Organizations are encouraged to send only one representative in person to the meeting in order to allow room for maximum representation of diverse groups. The Committee encourages organizations to invite their staffs and members to participate via Webcast.

This will be a live Webcast, allowing interaction and involvement by a substantial number of participants.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charisse Carney-Nunes, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-5056. E-mail: [ccarney@nsf.gov](mailto:ccarney@nsf.gov). Information about this meeting and Webcast will be posted on the Web site of the Grants Streamlining Initiative at [http://www.grants.gov/aboutgrants/streamlining\\_initiatives.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/aboutgrants/streamlining_initiatives.jsp). Please note that a sign-language interpreter for the hearing-impaired will be provided.

#### Comments Submission Information:

You may submit comments during the Webcast via phone or e-mail: phone 202-708-0095 and e-mail [HUDTV@hud.gov](mailto:HUDTV@hud.gov).

After the Webcast, a link to its recording will be posted on the Web site of the Grants Streamlining Initiative at [http://www.grants.gov/aboutgrants/streamlining\\_initiatives.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/aboutgrants/streamlining_initiatives.jsp) for at least two additional weeks. Comments on issues pertaining to the meeting will be reviewed on an ongoing basis up until November 8, 2006—two weeks after the conclusion of the meeting. Please submit all post-meeting comments to: [PL106107@hhs.gov](mailto:PL106107@hhs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The purpose of the meeting is to update and inform the broad community of Public Law (Pub. L.) 106-107 stakeholders about the Grant Policy Committee's (GPC's) past and ongoing activities related to the Federal Grants Streamlining Initiative (FGSI). Additionally, the meeting will serve as an opportunity to receive feedback and clarify any issues of concern to interested stakeholders. Finally, the meeting will assist the Committee as it undertakes planning and agenda setting for future Pub. L. 106-107 stakeholder meetings. The Committee seeks stakeholder input as it frames these upcoming meetings to assist the Committee in attaining its objective to ensure that the government's initiative streamlines and simplifies the grants and cooperative agreements administrative process, while maintaining the highest level customer service satisfaction, efficiency, effectiveness and accountability of the Federal process in a manner cognizant of currently available resources.

**Meeting structure and agenda:** The October 25th Webcast meeting will have the following structure and agenda:

- (1) Welcome by the host agency;
- (2) Overview of the Grants Policy Committee by the Committee co-chair;
- (3) Updates and status reports from work group chairs: pre-award work group; post-award group; and audit oversight work group; and
- (4) Community input, discussion, questions and comments. The meeting organizers have reserved 60-75 minutes for the community input section. Please note that this agenda and any amendments will be posted on the Web site of the Grants Streamlining Initiative at [http://www.grants.gov/aboutgrants/streamlining\\_initiatives.jsp](http://www.grants.gov/aboutgrants/streamlining_initiatives.jsp).

**Background:** Federal programs providing financial assistance comprise a large and diverse enterprise with widely varying purposes and recipient communities. Twenty-six Federal grant making agencies administer approximately \$526 billion in grant funds through over 900 programs. The programs stimulate or support a wide variety of public purposes in areas such as health, social services, law enforcement, agriculture, housing, community and regional development, education and training, and research.

The main goal of grants management is to ensure that Federal dollars are effectively spent in accordance with their intended purpose. To achieve this there must be accountability at the Federal level, the grantee level, and even at the sub-grantee level where applicable. A second, sometimes conflicting, goal is to avoid excessive or cumbersome regulation of individual grantees and minimize administrative burden throughout the process.

Public Law 106-107 requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to direct, coordinate, and assist Executive Branch departments and agencies in establishing an interagency process to streamline and simplify Federal financial assistance procedures for non-Federal entities. The law also requires executive agencies to develop, submit to the Congress, and implement a plan for that streamlining and simplification.

Twenty-six Executive Branch agencies jointly submitted a plan to the Congress in May 2001. The plan described the interagency process through which the agencies would review current policies and practices and seek to streamline and simplify them. The process involved interagency work groups under the auspices of the Grants Management Committee of the Chief Financial Officers Council. The plan also identified substantive areas in which

the interagency work groups had begun their review.

One of the substantive areas that the agencies identified in the plan was a need to streamline and simplify Federal grant reporting requirements and procedures and associated business processes to reduce unnecessary burdens on recipients and to improve the timeliness, completeness and quality of the information collected.

Through the leadership of the GPC of the U.S. Chief Financial Officer Council, the FGSI was developed to implement the provisions of the Federal Financial Assistance Improvement Management Act of 1999 Public Law 106-107 and to further the Expanded Electronic Government initiative set forth in the President's Management Agenda as it pertains to simplifying grants management. The FGSI is a coordinated, multi-year grant simplification and streamlining program that will improve the management of Federal financial assistance awards by:

- Improving the framework of grant policy;
- Simplifying Federal programs' administrative requirements;
- Exploring electronic processing options;
- Streamlining the delivery of payments; and
- Furthering audit and oversight policy.

With the leadership of the GPC, all Federal grant-making agencies are participating in the FGSI.

#### Important Information for Webcast Participation

This Webcast will be hosted by and broadcast from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, located at 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC Room B-180. Satellite coordinates for viewing the Webcast can be found on HUD's Web site: <http://www.hud.gov/webcasts/satcoord.cfm>.

The call-in number and e-mail address available for participants during this Webcast to ask questions/make comments are as follows: phone 202-708-0095 and e-mail [HUDTV@hud.gov](mailto:HUDTV@hud.gov). This information may only be used DURING the live Webcast. Participants wishing to comment after the meeting must submit their comments to [PL106107@hhs.gov](mailto:PL106107@hhs.gov).

If you would like to test your computer to make sure you can use the HUD Webcasting software on it, go to <http://www.hud.gov/webcasts/index.cfm>.

Dated: September 8, 2006.

**Thomas N. Cooley,**

*Chair, Grants Policy Committee of the U.S. Chief Financial Officer Council.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040-07354]

### Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment to Source Materials License No. SUB-834, To Authorize Disposal, in Accordance With 10 CFR 20.2002, of Contaminated Military Vehicles by the Department of the Army, U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center Facility, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for License Amendment.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betsy Ullrich, Senior Health Physicist, Commercial and R&D Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania; telephone (610) 337-5040; fax number (610) 337-5269; or by e-mail: [exu@nrc.gov](mailto:exu@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the issuance of a license amendment to Source Materials License No. SUB-834. This license is held by the Department of the Army Aberdeen Test Center (the Licensee), for its facility located at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. License No. SUB-834 was issued to the Army on April 11, 1961, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 40, and has been amended periodically since that time. This license authorizes the Licensee to use uranium and thorium for purposes of conducting research and development activities with military equipment.

In accordance with 10 CFR 20.2002 and 10 CFR 40.14, issuance of the license amendment would authorize the transfer and off-site disposal of two M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles which are contaminated with depleted uranium. As discussed further below, the two vehicles would be disposed of at U.S. Ecology, a Subtitle C Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste disposal facility in

Idaho. The Licensee requested this action in a letter dated September 13, 2005. The NRC has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this proposed action in accordance with the requirements of Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 51 (10 CFR Part 51). Based on the EA, the NRC has concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate with respect to the proposed action. The amendment will be issued to the Licensee following the publication of this FONSI and EA in the **Federal Register**.

#### II. Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would approve the Licensee's September 13, 2005, license amendment request that transfer of its two M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles to U.S. Ecology's disposal facility be authorized. In addition to granting the licensee's license amendment request, the proposed action would also grant, pursuant to 10 CFR 40.14, an exemption to U.S. Ecology from 10 CFR Part 40 licensing requirements. 10 CFR 40.14 provides that the Commission may, upon application by an interested person, "or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions" from the 10 CFR Part 40 requirements "as it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and are otherwise in the public interest." Under the exemption granted to U.S. Ecology any depleted uranium on the two vehicles would, upon their receipt at U.S. Ecology's disposal facility, no longer be subject to NRC regulation and would no longer be NRC licensed material. The 10 CFR 40.14 exemption in this case is equivalent to (1) prior EA determinations on 10 CFR 20.2002 requests in which disposal of depleted uranium at RCRA hazardous waste disposal facilities were approved; and (2) previous related exemptions to the effect that the materials at issue were exempt from further Atomic Energy Act and NRC licensing requirements.

##### Need for the Proposed Action

The Licensee needs this license change in order to dispose of the two M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicles that are contaminated with hazardous wastes at an appropriate facility. The two vehicles also have low-level contamination from depleted uranium, specifically, less than 800 microcuries total depleted uranium on a total mass of 58,000 pounds in 2,800 cubic feet of material. NRC is fulfilling its