

of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition, and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one

contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If the amendment is issued before the expiration of the 30-day hearing period, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. If a hearing is requested, the final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Nicholas S. Reynolds, Esquire, Winston and Strawn, 1400 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-3502, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 16, 1999, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through ADAMS Public Electronic Reading

Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of December 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**M. Christopher Nolan,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Licensing Support Network; Advisory Review Panel

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

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**SUMMARY:** The Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP) will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, February 23, 2000, at the Alexis Park Hotel located at 375 E. Harmon, Las Vegas, NV. The meeting will be open to the public pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 94-463, 86 Stat. 770-776).

*Agenda:* The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2000. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues concerning the design and operation of the Licensing Support Network (LSN). The LSN is an internet-based electronic discovery database being developed to aid the NRC in complying with the schedule for decision on the construction authorization for the high-level waste repository contained in Section 114(d) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1998, the NRC Rules of Practice in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart J, were modified to provide for the creation and operation of the LSN, an internet-based technological solution to the submission and management of records and documents relating to the licensing of a geologic repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste. (63 FR 71729.) Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.1011(d), the agency has chartered the LSNARP, an advisory committee that provides advice to the NRC on fundamental issues relating to LSN design, operation, maintenance, and compliance monitoring. At the February 23, 2000 LSNARP meeting, a principal topic for discussion will be the evaluation of alternative system configuration designs developed by the LSNARP's Technical Working Group to identify which

alternative(s) the LSNARP will recommend or endorse to the Commission.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T-3 F23, Washington, DC 20555-0001; Attn: John C. Hoyle (telephone 301-415-7467; e-mail JXH5@NRC.GOV) or Jack G. Whetstone (telephone 301-415-7391; e-mail JGW@NRC.GOV).

**Public Participation:** Interested persons may make oral presentations to the LSNARP or file written statements. An oral presentations request should be made to one of the contact persons listed above as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting; Notice

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATES:** Weeks of December 27, 1999, January 3, 10, and 17, 2000.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### Week of December 27

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 27.

#### Week of January 3—Tentative

*Wednesday, January 5*

9:55 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

#### Week of January 10—Tentative

*Monday, January 10*

10:00 a.m.

Meeting with D.C. Cook (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Stang, 301-415-1345)

*Tuesday, January 11*

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Status of Research Programs, Performance, and Plans (including Status of Thermo-Hydraulics) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Jocelyn Mitchell, 301-415-5289)

*Wednesday, January 12*

9:55 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on Status of NRR Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: Mike Case, 301-415-1134)

#### Week of January 17—Tentative

*Wednesday, January 19*

9:30 a.m.

Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2 & 6)

*Thursday, January 20*

9:55 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on Status of CIO Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: Donnie Grimsley, 301-415-8702)

*Friday, January 21*

10 a.m.

Briefing on Native American, State of Nevada, and Affected Units of Local Governments Representatives Responses to DOE's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed HLW Geologic Repository (Public Meeting)

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings can (Recording)—(301) 415-1292.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** By a vote of 5-0 on December 22, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's Rules that "Affirmation of GPU Nuclear Corporation, Docket No. 50-219, OLA-2, Memorandum and Order Terminating Proceeding), LBP 99-45 (Dec 15, 1999)" and "Affirmation of Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. et al. (Nine Mile Point, Units 1 & 2), Docket Nos. 50-220 and 50-410" (PUBLIC MEETING) be held on December 22, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

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This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to [wmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

Dated: December 23, 1999.

**William M. Hill, Jr.,**

*SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

#### I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from December 4, 1999, through December 17, 1999. The last biweekly notice was published on December 15, 1999 (64 FR 70077).

#### Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed