corporation, or organization), but not to members of the U.S. Government.

Eligibility includes any individual or group (company, corporation or organization) that has increased the public understanding of science or engineering. Members of the U.S. Government are not eligible for consideration.

Candidates for the individual and group (company, corporation or organization) award must have made contributions to public service in areas other than research, and should meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Increased the public's understanding of the processes of science and engineering through scientific discovery, innovation and its communication to the public.
2. Encouraged others to help raise the public understanding of science and technology.
3. Promoted the engagement of scientists and engineers in public outreach and scientific literacy.
4. Contributed to the development of broad science and engineering policy and its support.
5. Influenced and encouraged the next generation of scientist and engineers.
6. Achieved broad recognition outside the nominee's area of specialization.
7. Fostered awareness of science and technology among broad segments of the population.

Nomination Procedures

1. Prepare a summary of the nominee's activities as they relate to the selection criteria. Include the nominator's name, address and telephone number, and the name, address, and telephone number of the nominee, as well as the nominee's vita, if appropriate (no more than three pages).
2. The selection committee recommends the most outstanding candidate(s) for each category to the NSB, which approves the awardees.
3. Nominations remain active for a period of three years, including the year of nomination. After that time, candidates must be renominated for them to be considered by the selection committee.
4. Nominations should be mailed or faxed to the NSB Public Service Award Advisory Committee. Electronic mail does not protect confidentiality and should not be used for this purpose. Facsimile copies should be followed up by the original, signed document in order for the nomination to be reviewed by the selection committee.

Estimate of Burden: These are annual award programs with application deadlines varying according to the program. Public burden also may vary according to program; however, it is estimated that each submission is averaged to be 8 hours per respondent for each program. If the nominator is thoroughly familiar with the scientific background of the nominee, time spent to complete the nomination may be considerably reduced.

Respondents: Individuals, businesses or other for-profit organizations, universities, non-profit institutions, and Federal and State governments.

Estimated Number of Responses per Award: 137 responses, broken down as follows: For the President's National Medal of Science, 45; for the Alan T. Waterman Award, 60; for the Vannevar Bush Award, 12; for the Public Service Award, 20.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 1,242 hours, broken down by 450 hours for the President's National Medal of Science (10 hours per 45 respondents); 600 hours for the Alan T. Waterman Award (10 hours per 60 respondents); 72 hours for the Vannevar Bush Award (6 hours per 12 respondents); and 120 hours for the Public Service Award (6 hours per 20 respondents).

Frequency of Responses: Annually.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: January 11, 1999.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Computer & Computation Research; 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 Computer-Communications Research (1192).

Date: February 5, 1999.

Time: 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Robert B. Grafton, Program Director, Design Automation, CISE/C–CR, Room 1145, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306–1936.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason For Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of proprietary or confidential nature, including technical informaiton; 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 Sunshine Act.

Dated: January 11, 1999.

Janet Siwa,

Acting Deputy Division Director, Division of Human Resources Management.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Engineering Education and Centers; Notice of Meeting

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

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Engineering Education and Centers (173).

Date/Time: February 2, 1999, 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 310, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Joy Pauschke, Program Director, Engineering Education and Centers Division, National Science Foundation, Room 585, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate Engineering Research Centers 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: January 11, 1999.

Janet Silva,

Acting Deputy Division Director, Division of Human Resource Management.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–250 and 50–251]

Florida Power and Light Company (Turkey Point Units 3 and 4); Exemption

I

Florida Power and Light Company (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR–31 and DPR–41, which authorize operation of Turkey Point Units 3 and 4, respectively (the facility), at a steady-state reactor power level not in excess of 2300 megawatts thermal. The facility is a pressurized-water reactor located at the licensee's site in Dade County, Florida. The licenses require among other things that the facility comply with all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) now or hereafter in effect.

II

In exemptions dated March 27, 1984, and August 12, 1987, concerning the requirements of Section III.G, Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50, the NRC staff approved the use of 1-hour-rated fire barriers in lieu of 3-hour-rated fire barriers in certain outdoor areas at Turkey Point Units 3 and 4. In addition, the staff found that, for certain outdoor areas not protected by automatic fire detection and suppression systems, separation of cables and equipment and associated circuits of redundant trains by a horizontal distance of 20 feet free of intervening combustibles provided an acceptable level of fire safety.

On the basis of the results of the industry's Thermo-Lag fire endurance testing program, the licensee concluded that the outdoor Thermo-Lag fire barrier designs cannot achieve a 1-hour fire-resistive rating but can achieve a 30-minute fire-resistive rating when exposed to a test fire that follows the American Society for Testing and Materials Standard E–119 time-temperature curve. Because of these test results, the licensee in a letter dated June 15, 1994, requested an exemption to use 30-minute fire barriers for outdoor applications in lieu of the 1-hour-rated fire barriers previously approved; however, the licensee withdrew the exemption request by letter dated June 28, 1996.

In a letter dated July 31, 1997, as supplemented on July 2, October 27, and December 9, 1998, the licensee requested an exemption from the requirements pertaining to the 3-hour-rated fire barriers required by Section III.G.2.a, Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50, for fire zones 79 (partial), 80 (partial), 82, 84 (partial), 85 (partial), 88 (partial), 89 (partial), 91, 92, 105, and 117 in the turbine building. The licensee requested that the NRC approve the following fire protection schemes as alternatives to the protection required by Section III.G.2 of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50: (1) separation of cables and equipment and associated circuits of redundant post-fire safe-shutdown trains within the turbine building fire zones 79 (partial), 80 (partial), 82, 84 (partial), 85 (partial), 88 (partial), 91, 92, and 105 between column lines A and E–1 by a fire barrier having a minimum 1-hour fire resistive rating; (2) separation of cables and equipment and associated circuits of redundant post-fire safe-shutdown trains within the turbine building fire zones 79 (partial), 84 (partial), 88 (partial), and 89 (partial) between column lines E–1 and Jc by a fire barrier having a minimum 25-minute fire resistive rating; and (3) separation of cables and equipment and associated circuits of redundant post-fire safe-shutdown trains within the turbine building above the turbine operating deck, fire zone 117, by a fire barrier having a minimum 25-minute fire resistive rating. This request is based on the following: (1) for the turbine building between column lines A and E–1, automatic fixed water suppression systems would be provided for the major fire hazards (combustible sources) and the turbine lube oil equipment, and automatic wet pipe sprinkler protection would be provided for area coverage, including the turbine lube oil distribution piping locations as described in the enclosed safety evaluation; and (2) for the turbine building between column lines E–1 and Jc, an automatic wet pipe sprinkler protection would be provided.

III

The underlying purpose of Section III.G.2.a, Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50, is to provide reasonable assurance that one safe-shutdown train and associated circuits used to achieve and maintain safe-shutdown are free of fire damage.

On the basis of the staff's supporting safety evaluation of the licensee's submittals, the staff concludes that the exemption from the requirements of Section III.G.2.a of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50, for fire zones 79 (partial), 80 (partial), 82, 84 (partial), 85 (partial), 88 (partial), 89 (partial), 91, 92, 105, and 117 as requested by the licensee, provides an adequate level of fire safety and presents no undue risk to public health and safety. In addition, the staff concludes that the underlying purpose of the rule is achieved.

IV

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. In addition, the Commission has determined that special circumstances are present in that application of the regulation is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants Florida Power and Light Company an exemption from the requirements of Section III.G.2.a of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50, as requested in its previously-referenced submittals, for fire zones 79 (partial), 80 (partial), 82, 84 (partial), 85 (partial), 88 (partial), 89 (partial), 91, 92, 105, and 117.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that granting this exemption for fire zones 79 (partial), 80 (partial), 82, 84 (partial), 85 (partial), 88 (partial), 89 (partial), 91, 92, 105, and 117, will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (63 FR 65619).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 040–02384]

Finding of No Significant Impact Related To Amendment To Materials License SMB–602, RMI Titanium Company, Extrusion Plant, Ashtabula, Ohio

Approve Decommissioning Criterion for TC–99 in Soils

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering a license amendment request submitted by RMI Environmental Services, A Division of