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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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel for Geosciences: 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 for Geosciences (1756).

Date/Time: April 27–28, 2000, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 340, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Bilal Haq, Program Director, Marine Geology & Geophysics, Ocean Sciences Research Section, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306–1587.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate the MARGINS Program as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposal being reviewed includes 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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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for 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 meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs (1130).

Date/Time: May 3–5, 2000, 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M.

Place: NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 630/730, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Persons: Dr. Michael Ledbetter, Program Manager, Arctic System Science, Room 755S, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306–1029.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate research proposals submitted to the Surface Heat Budget Phase 3 (NSF 00–19) 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.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Small Business Industrial Innovation; 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 Small Business Industrial Innovation (61).

Date/Time: April 12, 2000; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 130, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact person: Joseph Hennessey, Program Manager, Small Business Innovation Research and Small Business Technology Transfer Programs, Room 590, Division of Design, Manufacturing, and Industrial Innovation, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306–1395 x 5283.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs 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.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Undergraduate Education; 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 Undergraduate Education (1214).

Date/Time: June 21, 22 & 23, 2000; 8 AM to 5 PM.

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

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact person: Drs. Elizabeth J. Teles and Gerhard L. Salinger, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, VA 22230. Telephone (703) 306–1667.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate ATE 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 individual 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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Karen J. York.

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Undergraduate Education; 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 Undergraduate Education (1214).

Date/Time: May 22–25, 2000; 8 AM to 5 PM.

Place: Rooms 365, 370, 375, 380 and 390 National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Drs. Lee L. Zia and C. Dianne Martin, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1667/9.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate NSDL 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 individual 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. 72–9]

Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Materials License SNM–2504 Department of Energy; Fort St. Vrain Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has issued Amendment 8 to Materials License No. SNM–2504 held by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for the receipt, possession, storage, and transfer of spent fuel at the Fort St. Vrain (FSV) independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI), located in Weld County, Colorado. The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

By application dated January 18, 2000, DOE requested an amendment to its ISFSI license to revise its radiological environmental monitoring program and to revise Technical Specification 5.5.2, ''Essential Program Control Program.''

This amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

In accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(2), a determination has been made that the amendment does not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected. Therefore, the publication of a notice of proposed action and an opportunity for hearing or a notice of hearing is not warranted. Notice is hereby given of the right of interested persons to request a hearing on whether the action should be rescinded or modified.

The Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11), an environmental assessment need not be prepared in connection with issuance of the amendment.

Documents related to this action are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room located at the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (http://www.nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of March 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

M. Wayne Hodges,

Acting Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–259, 50–260 and 50–296]

Tennessee Valley Authority; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR–33, DPR–52 and DPR–68, issued to the Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee), for operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Units 1, 2, and 3 located in Limestone County, Alabama.

The proposed amendment would revise the Appendix A Technical Specifications to provide for maintenance on a secondary containment access door, when the other door in the flow path is closed, when one or more units are operating.

Exigent circumstances exist due to the need to repair an air leak on a pneumatic door seal on the inner main equipment access air lock. The licensee is concerned that the air leak could worsen if not repaired soon, potentially rendering the inner equipment access door inoperable. In this case, equipment transfer into and out of the secondary containment via the main equipment lock would be prohibited thereby hindering outage activities.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) for amendments to be granted under exigent circumstances, the NRC staff must determine that the amendment request involves 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. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

TVA has concluded that operation of Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN) Units 1, 2, and 3 in accordance with the proposed change to the technical specifications does not involve a significant hazards consideration. TVA's conclusion is based on its evaluation, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91(a)(1), of the three standards set forth in 10 CFR 50.92(c).

A. The proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The proposed change is an administrative clarification of the existing requirements. Verifying that one door in each access opening is closed ensures the infiltration of outside air of such a magnitude as to prevent the maintaining of the desired post-accident negative pressure does not occur.

Therefore the proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

B. The proposed amendment does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The proposed amendment does not add any new equipment or require any existing equipment to be operated in a manner different from the present design. The proposed change is consistent with the SAR [Safety Analysis Report] analysis for design basis accidents. No operation outside of the existing design basis is introduced by the proposed amendment.

Therefore, the proposed amendment does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The proposed amendment does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.