notify Mary Drouin, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, MS T10E50, Washington DC 20555, phone (301) 415–6675, fax (301) 415–5062, e-mail mxd@nrc.gov or Edward Chow, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, MS T10E50, Washington DC 20555, phone (301) 415–6571, fax (301) 415–5062, e-mail etc@nrc.gov.

Dates: April 7, 8, 9, 1997. Location: Austin, Texas.

Hotel: Hyatt Regency, 208 Barton Springs Rd., Austin, Texas, 78704. Please make your reservations directly with the Hyatt Regency Hotel, phone (512) 477–1234 (or 1 800 233–1234). Mention that you will be attending the NRC–IPE Workshop to receive the meeting group rate of \$113/night plus tax (single/double). Hotel reservations by March 7, 1997 are required in order to receive the group rate (subject to availability).

Registration: The workshop registration fee is \$75 USD (\$100 for late registration); registration fee is payable by check or money orders drawn on US banks payable to Sandia National Laboratories; no credit cards accepted. Mail registration fees to Martha Lucero, Sandia National Laboratories, PO Box 5800, MS 0129, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87185–0129. Please include name, organization, address and phone number with your registration fee. Registration fee includes reception, daily continental breakfast, and one lunch. Pre-registration fee (\$75) is due by February 15, 1997. Late registration fee (\$100) is due at time of workshop/ meeting (cash is accepted for late registration payment at workshop). Notification of attendance (e.g., preregistration) is requested so that adequate space, etc. for the workshop can be arranged. Notification of attendance or questions regarding meeting registration or fees should be directed to Martha Lucero, Sandia National Laboratories. Phone (505) 845-9787, fax (505) 844-1392, e- mail mlucero@sandia.gov

Agenda: Preliminary agenda is as follows. A final agenda will be available at workshop.

Sunday, April 6, 1997

3:00 pm to 7:00 pm—Registration 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm—Reception

Monday, April 7, 1997

7:00 am to 4:00 am registration

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

- Opening remarks
- Introduction (Roadmap for meeting)
- Conclusions and observations **
- Reactor and containment design perspectives *

- Operational perspectives **
- Perspectives on impact of IPE program on reactor safety **
- Perspectives on IPEs with respect to risk-informed regulation **
- Perspectives on IPEs and implication to Commission's Safety Goals **
- Perspectives on IPEs and impact of Station Blackout rule on CDFs **
- IPEs perspectives compared to NUREG-1150 perspectives ** IPE database demonstration
 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

** Each "presentation" is comprised of three discussions:

(1) Presentation by NRC of overview of perspectives.

(2) Presentation by NRC of staff's interpretation of comments received and staff's response.

(3) Brief open time for questions on clarification.

Tuesday, April 8, 1997

7:30 am to 4:00 pm registration

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Presentations/comments by public 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

IPE database demonstration

Wednesday, April 9, 1997

7:30 am to 4:00 pm registration

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Presentations/comments by public

- Wrap-up discussion by public
- Wrap-up discussion by NRC

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Chow, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, MS T10E50, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555, (301) 415–6571.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 12th day of November, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Mark Cunningham,

Chief, Probabilistic Risk Analysis Branch, Division of Systems Technology, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel

Management. **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Paige, (202) 606–0830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on November 1, 1996 (61 FR 56575). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between October 1, 1996, and October 31, 1996, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

The following Schedule A authorities were established in October 1996:

Department of Defense

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. This authority remains in effect for six months after termination of the Commission. Effective October 1, 1996.

Department of Transportation

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. This authority remains in effect for six months after termination of the Commission. Effective October 1, 1996.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

One position above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. This authority remains in effect for six months after termination of the Commission. Effective October 1, 1996.

Department of Justice

Two positions above GS–15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. This authority remains in effect for six months after termination of the Commission. Effective October 1, 1996.

The following Schedule A authorities were revoked in October 1996:

Department of the Army

Not to exceed 30 positions on the faculty and staff which are classified in the GS–1700 occupational group and the GS–1410 Librarian series, located at the U.S. Army Russian Institute, Garmisch, Germany, and the U.S. Army Training Center Europe, Munich Germany. Effective October 8, 1996.

Aviation Systems Command. One scientific and professional research position in the U.S. Army Research and

Technology Laboratories, the duties of which require specific knowledge of aviation technology in non-allied nations. Effective October 8, 1996.

U.S. Army School of the Americas, Fort Benning, Georgia. Positions of Translator (Typing), GS-1040-5/9, and Supervisory Translator, GS-1040-11. No new appointments were permitted under this authority after December 31, 1985. Effective October 8, 1996.

Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, PA. Nine senior policy analyst positions, GS–14/15, at the Strategic Studies Institute, Army War College, with appointments to be made initially for up to 3 years and thereafter extended annually if needed. Effective October 8, 1996.

Central Identification Laboratory. One position of Scientific Director, GM–0190–15, and four positions of Forensic Scientist, GS–0190–14. Initial appointment to these positions is NTE 3–5 years, with Provision for indefinite numbers of renewals in 1-, 2-, or 3-year increments. Effective October 8, 1996.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight. All positions of the Staff. No new appointments were permitted under this authority after September 30, 1996. Effective October 21, 1996.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked in October 1996.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established in October 1996:

Department of Agriculture

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective October 4, 1996

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Empowerment Zone Enterprise Community, Rural Business-Cooperative Service. Effective October 11, 1996.

Deputy Press Secretary to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective October 17, 1996.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Civil Rights, Policy, Analysis and Coordination Center. Effective October 17, 1996.

Director, Native American Programs, to the Administrator, Rural Housing Service. Effective October 25, 1996.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Development/ Rural Housing Service. Effective October 25, 1996.

Department of the Air Force (DOD)

Staff Assistant (Typing) to the Assistant to the Vice President for

National Security Affairs. Effective October 25, 1996.

Department of Commerce

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff for External Affairs. Effective October 11, 1996.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Agreements Compliance. Effective October 11, 1996.

Department of Education

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. Effective October 4. 1996.

Secretary's Regional Representative, Region I, Boston, Massachusetts, to the Director, Regional Services Team. Effective October 25, 1996.

Department of Health and Human Services

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective October 4, 1996.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families. Effective October 11, 1996.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Operations to the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commission. Effective October 17, 1996.

Department of Justice

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective October 11, 1996.

Department of Labor

Special Assistant to the Wage Hour Administrator. Effective October 11, 1996.

Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of Labor. Effective October 11, 1996.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Policy. Effective October 15, 1996.

Department of Transportation

Senior Congressional Liaison Officer to the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs. Effective October 18, 1996.

Environmental Protection Agency

Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator, Office of Regional Operations and State/Local Relations. Effective October 21, 1996.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective October 25, 1996.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Director, Office of Emergency Information and Media Affairs to the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency. Effective October 8, 1996.

U.S. International Trade Commission

Staff Assistant (Legal) to the Commissioner. Effective October 17, 1996.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218. Office of Personnel Management

Lorraine A. Green,

Deputy Director.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Sunshine Act

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on December 18, 1996, 9:00 a.m., at the Board's meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

- (1) Letter to Mr. Ken Apfel, Office of Management and Budget, requesting an exemption from OMB Bulletin 96–02, Consolidation of Agency Data Centers.
- (2) Options on Closing Phase III and IV Field Offices.
- (3) Co-Location of Westbury, NY Branch Office.
- (4) Publication of Monthly Benefit Statistics.
- (5) General Speech for Use by Field Personnel.
- (6) Proposed Elimination of Forms RL–5a and RL–5b.
- (7) Railroad Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Booklet.
- (8) FY 1997 Management Development Center Courses.
- (9) 1996 Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act Report.
- (10) Consultative Medical Examinations Contract.
 - (11) Proposed Buyout Offers.
- (12) Letter to Sally Katzen, Office of Management and Budget, re Parts 209, 216, and 295 of Board's Regulations.
- (13) Regulations: Parts 211, 230, 255 and 261.
- (14) Occupational Disability Standards.
 - A. Recommendations.
 - B. Regulations.
- (15) Labor Member Truth in Budgeting Status Report.

The entire meeting will be open to the public. The person to contact for more information is Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. 312–751–4920.