

notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 30, 1997, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on July 17, 1997 to the following applicants:

Scott Drieschman, Permit No. 98-002.  
Randall Davis, Permit No. 98-004.  
Wayne Trivelpiece, Permit No. 98-005.  
Robert Wharton, Permit No. 98-006.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**  
Permit Officer.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Chemical and Transport Systems (#1190); Notice of Meetings

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 Chemical and Transport Systems (#1190).

**Date And Time:** August 12, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Place:** National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 370, Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1371.

**Type Of Meeting:** Closed.

**Contact Person:** Dr. Raul Miranda, Program Director, Chemical Reaction Processes, Division of Chemical and Transport Systems (CTS), Room 525, (703) 306-1371.

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

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate nominations for the FY97 Professional Opportunities for Women in Research and Education (POWRE) Panel 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 Electrical and Communication Systems; Notice of Meetings

This notice is being published in accord with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended). During the period August 11 through August 12, the Special Emphasis Panel will be holding panel meetings to review and evaluate research proposals. The dates, contact person, and types of proposals are as follows:

Special Emphasis Panel in Electrical and Communication Systems (1196).

**Date:** August 11-12, 1997.

**Contact:** Dr. Deborah Crawford, Program Director, Division of Electrical and Communication Systems, Room 675, for Physical Foundations and Enabling Technologies Program, 703/306-1340.

**Type of Proposal:** NSF's POWRE program.

**Times:** 8:30 to 5:00 p.m. each day.

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

**Type of Meetings:** Closed.

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

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Directorate 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 USC 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Geosciences; Committee of Visitors: 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 Geosciences; Committee of Visitors (1755).

**Date and Time:** August 21 and 22, 8:30 a.m.

**Place:** National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Room 770.

**Type of Meeting:** Closed.

**Contact Person:** Dr. Clifford Jacobs, Head, University Corporation for Atmospheric

Research and Lower Atmospheric Facility Oversight Section; Division of Atmospheric Sciences; Room 775; 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230; telephone number (703) 306-1521.

**Purpose of meeting:** To carry out a Committee of Visitors' (COV) review, including examination of decision on proposals, reviewer comments, and other privileged materials.

**Agenda:** Review activities of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research Lower Atmospheric Facility Oversight Section.

**Reason for Closing:** The meeting is closed to the public because the Committee is reviewing proposal actions that will include privileged intellectual property and personal information that could harm individuals if disclosed. If discussions were open to the public, these matters that are exempted under 5 U.S.C. 552b (c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act would be improperly disclosed.

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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:** Monday, August 18-Thursday, August 21, 1996; 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

**Place:** Room 365, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

**Type of Meeting:** Closed.

**Contact Person:** Dr. Don Rice, Program Director, Chemical Oceanography, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1582.

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

**Agenda:** To review and evaluate proposals submitted to joint announcement of opportunity for the synthesis phase of JGOFS 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 Geosciences: Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Geosciences (1756).

*Date and Time:* August 18, 19 and 20, 8:30 a.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Room 770.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Ms. Jewel Prendeville, Program Coordinator for the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research and Lower Atmospheric Facility Oversight Section; Division of Atmospheric Sciences; Room 775; 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22230; telephone number (703) 306-1521.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals as part of the selection process of awards.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Professional Opportunities for Women in Research and Education (POWRE) 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 exempted 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 Networking & Communications Research & Infrastructure; 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 Networking & Communications Research & Infrastructure (1207).

*Date and Time:* August 21-22, 1997; 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

*Place:* Rooms 1175 National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Mark Luker, Program Director, CISE/NCRI, Room 1175, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 725, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1950.

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

*Agenda:* Reverse site visit to review and evaluate Very High-Speed Backbone Network Service (vBNS) 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.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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### Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing on Renewal of Source Material License SMB-911 for Fansteel, Inc. in Muskogee, Oklahoma

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Finding of no significant impact and notice of opportunity for a hearing on renewal of source material license SMB-911 for Fansteel, Inc. in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the renewal of Source Material License SMB-911 for the recovery of Work in Progress (WIP) pond residues at the Fansteel, Inc. (Fansteel) plant located in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The facility will process on-site pond residues to recover valuable metals and to reduce the volume of on-site radioactive materials. The staff has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action, because the renewal will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment for reasons described in the Environmental Assessment (EA).

## Summary of the Environmental Assessment

### Background

Fansteel has been licensed by the NRC to possess and use source materials at their Muskogee, Oklahoma plant since January 1967. Fansteel was authorized to process ore concentrates and tin slags in the production of refined tantalum products. Fansteel ceased operations in 1990, but on June 20, 1994, submitted a renewal application to reprocess WIP residues located on-site, which were generated as a result of the initial hydrofluoric acid digestion of the ore concentrates. The WIP process will isolate the radioactivity such that the bulk of the WIP material can be used commercially while minimizing the volume of material sent for radioactive waste disposal.

Fansteel's current license expired in July 1994. However, because Fansteel submitted a renewal application on June 20, 1994, the existing license continues to be effective until the application for renewal has been finally determined by the staff in accordance with the timely renewal provision of 10 CFR 40.42(a)(1).

On March 25, 1997, Fansteel was granted an amendment to their license to allow processing of the WIP residues. Renewal of the license was not completed at that time due to unresolved decommissioning issues. Specifically, Fansteel has proposed to dispose of contaminated soils in an on-site containment cell. An EA is currently under development by the NRC, which considers this disposal option. However, the NRC staff has determined that the issue of on-site disposal of contaminated soils will be resolved as a separate licensing action, and, therefore, the NRC staff is now considering renewal of the license.

An EA dated June 17, 1996, was prepared to support the March 25, 1997, WIP amendment and a FONSI was published in the **Federal Register** on June 24, 1996 (61 FR 32466). The scope of the EA included processing of the WIP material, associated waste treatment processes, as well as groundwater remediation. Because the scope of this EA includes all processes to be authorized in renewal of the Fansteel license, the FONSI for license renewal is based on the WIP amendment EA.

Following issuance of the amendment authorizing WIP processing, Fansteel indicated that in conjunction with recovery of metal values from the WIP residues Fansteel also plans to recover fluorides from the waste treatment ponds. This activity, like on-site