

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION NOTICE**Notice of Public Meeting**

AGENCY: Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC).

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the XV public meeting of the BECC Board of Directors on Tuesday, March 31, 1998, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. at the Airport Marriott Hotel on 1600 Airway Blvd., telephone (915) 779–3300.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: M.R. Ybarra, Secretary, United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, telephone: (915) 832–4105; or Angeles Villarreal, Public Participation Officer, Border Environment Cooperation Commission, P.O. Box 221648, El Paso, Texas 79913, telephone: (011–52–16) 25–91–60; fax: (011–52–16) 25–26–99; e-mail: becc@cocef.interjuarez.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, on behalf of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission (BECC), cordially invites the public to attend the XV Public Meeting of the Board of Directors on Tuesday, March 31, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., at the Airport Marriott Hotel in El Paso, Texas.

Proposed Agenda, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda (Action)
2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of January 7, 1998 (Action)
3. Manager's Report (Information)
4. Executive Committee Report (Information)
5. Sustainable Development Committee Report (Information)
6. Review of Projects for Certification (Action)
 - Wastewater System Improvements Project for Reynosa, Tamaulipas
 - Potable Water System Improvements Project for Del Rio, Texas
7. Public Comments

Anyone interested in submitting written comments to the Board of Directors on any agenda item should send them to the BECC 15 days prior to the public meeting. Anyone interested in making a brief statement to the Board may do so during the public meeting.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

M.R. Ybarra,
Secretary, U.S. IBWC.

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NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION**Notice of Public Meeting**

AGENCY: National Gambling Impact Study Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

DATES: Monday, March 16, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Tuesday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting site will be: The Westin, Copley Place, 10 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA.

Written comments can be sent to the Commission at 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Suite 450, Washington, D.C. 20008.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to the public both days.

SUMMARY: At its second on-site meeting the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, established under Pub. L. 104–169, dated August 3, 1996, will hear presentations from invited panels of speakers, conduct site visits, receive public comment, and conduct its normal meeting business.

CONTACT PERSON: For further information contact Amy Ricketts at (202) 523–8217 or write to 800 North Capitol St., N.W., Suite 450, Washington, D.C. 20002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting agenda will include presentations from State and local officials; testimony from invited panels of experts on who plays lotteries, who wins and loses, lottery operations, and an introduction to Native American gaming; site visits to Foxwoods casino and lottery sales locations; normal meeting business; and an open forum period for public comment.

The meeting will recess at 5:00 p.m. on March 16, while the Commissioners go on site visits. An open forum for public participation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on March 17 on items relevant to the Commission's work; the Commission is particularly interested in comments on lotteries and Native American gaming. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting must speak with Mr. Doug Seay by telephone at (202) 523–8217 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 1998. No requests will be accepted before 9:00 a.m. (EST) the day this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

Open forum participants will be asked to provide name, organization (if applicable), address, and telephone number. No requests will be accepted via mail, facsimile, voice-mail or e-mail. A waiting list will be compiled once the

allotted number of slots becomes filled. Oral presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. If this is not enough time to complete comments, please restrict the three minutes to a summary of your comments and bring a typed copy of full comments to file with the Commission. Persons speaking at the forum are requested, but not required, to supply twenty (20) copies of their written statements to the registration desk prior to the evening session on March 17. Members of the public, on the waiting list or otherwise, are always invited to send written comments to the Commission at any time. However, if individuals wish to have their written comments placed into the record of the meeting, they must be received by the Commission by April 6, 1998. Each speaker is kindly asked to be prepared prior to their presentation; to refrain from any use of profanity, vulgar language, or obscene signage; to refrain from making any comments or disrupting sounds during the presentation of another speaker; and to remain seated. If visual aids are necessary during the course of a speaker's presentation, each speaker is responsible for providing the equipment to run the visual aid.

Nancy Mohr Kennedy,

Executive Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Chemistry; 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 and Committee Code: Special Emphasis Panel in Chemistry (#1191).

Date and Time: March 20, 1998.

Place: Room, 330, NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Margaret Cavanaugh, Program Coordinator, Chemistry Division, Room 1055, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306–1842.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals for Environmental Molecular Science Institutes (EMSI): Special Research Opportunity (NSF 97–135) 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: February 23, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; 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: Power Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems (1205).

Date & Time: March 17, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Rooms 530 Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. Jorn Larsen-Basse, Program Director, Control, Mechanics and Materials Cluster, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, Room 545, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. 703/306-1361, x 5068.

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

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

Reason for Closing: The proposal 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 Sunshine Act.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Workshop: Decommissioning for Routine Materials Cases

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of workshop for routine materials decommissioning cases.

SUMMARY: The NRC will host a public decommissioning workshop in Rockville, Maryland, as part of a

program to identify and evaluate new and different approaches to the decommissioning review process for materials licensees. This program is one of several initiatives which resulted from NRC's recent Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative, which is intended to guide future NRC decision-making and help NRC continue to meet its responsibility for protecting the public health and safety and the environment.

The objectives of the workshop are to: (1) Discuss NRC's decommissioning requirements and NRC's expectations of licensees in demonstrating compliance with these requirements; (2) elicit comments, both favorable and critical, from workshop participants related to the existing decommissioning review process and procedures; (3) obtain ideas from participants on, and discuss potential improvements in, the regulatory process for decommissioning; (4) discuss plans for a pilot program to evaluate improvements to the decommissioning review process, using sites of volunteer licensees; and (5) determine licensee interest in participating in a pilot program.

The NRC staff will use the comments and information obtained during the workshop to develop recommendations for improvements in the decommissioning process. After consulting with the Commission concerning these recommendations, the staff will conduct a pilot program with volunteer licensees, implementing the improvements on a limited basis. As the pilot decommissioning cases are completed, the NRC will use the lessons learned to improve the regulatory process. Materials licensees who are interested in the pilot program should express interest during the workshop, or should contact NRC as listed below by April 3, 1998.

Note that the workshop will address non-complex, routine materials decommissioning cases. The workshop and pilot program are not intended for power reactor sites or complex sites such as those identified in the NRC Site Decommissioning Management Plan. Further information on the Site Decommissioning Management Plan can be obtained in the **Federal Register** notice published on April 16, 1992 (57 FR 13389).

DATES: The workshop will be held on March 19, 1998, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at about 3:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. Persons who wish to attend the workshop should contact NRC at least one week prior to the workshop.

ADDRESSES: The public workshop will be held in the NRC's auditorium at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland (near Washington, DC). Visitor parking around the NRC building is limited; however, the workshop site is located adjacent to the White Flint Station on the Metro Red Line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information or questions on meeting arrangements, contact Richard H. Turtill, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone 301-415-6721, fax 301-415-5369, E-mail: RHT@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of February, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W.N. Hickey,

Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

February 20, 1998.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated thereunder. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments thereto is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Office of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by March 16, 1998, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in cases of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing shall identify specifically the issues of fact or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of