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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 98–108]

NASA Advisory Council, Advisory Committee on the International Space Station (ACISS); Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92–463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Advisory Committee on the International Space Station.

DATES: Wednesday, September 2, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, September 3, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, Building 1, Room 966, Houston, TX 77058–3696.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. W. Michael Hawes, Code M4, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358–0242.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to seating capacity of the room, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 1998. The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Thursday, September 3, 1998.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

–ISS Current Status
–ISS Utilization Overview
–ISS Research Program Managers
–ISS Software Independent Verification and Validation
–ISS PrePlanned Program Improvement

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Matthew Crouch,

Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Advanced Computational Infrastructure and 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 Advanced Computational Infrastructure & Research (#1185).

Date and Time: September 8, 1998, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1150, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. John Van Rosendale, Program Director, Advanced Computational Research Program, Suite 1122, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 (703) 306–1962.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals in the Advanced Computational Research Program 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.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Engineering, Committee of Visitors, Division of Engineering Education and Centers; 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 Engineering, Committee of Visitors, Division of Engineering Education and Centers (1170)

Date & Time: September 9, 9:00 am–5:00 and September 10 and 11, 8:30 am–5:00 pm

Place: NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA (see Agenda for Rooms)

Type of Meeting: Part-Open (see Agenda, below)

Contact Person: Dr. William S. Butcher, Senior Engineering Advisor, Division of Engineering Education and Centers, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306–1380.

Purpose of Meeting: To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including program evaluation, GPRA assessments, and access to privileged materials.

Agenda: Closed: September 9, 1998, 9:00 am–5:00 pm—To review the merit review processes covering funding decisions made during the immediately preceding three/four fiscal years of the Division of Engineering Education and Centers' programs.

Open: September 10, 1998 from 8:30 am–5:00 pm and September 11, 1998 8:30 am to 3:00 pm—To assess the results of NSF program investments in the Engineering Education and Centers Division. This shall involve a discussion and review of results focused on NSF and grantee outputs and related outcomes achieved or realized during the preceding three/four fiscal years. These results may be based on NSF grants or other investments made in earlier years. The Committee will meet as a whole or in sub-groups, as required.

Sub-Group Meeting Locations

[Room # when COV meets as a whole]

	9/9/98	9/10/98	9/11/98
Engineering Research Centers	390	580	580
Engineering Education (Coalitions/CRCD/Action Agenda)	365	530	530
Industry/University/Cooperative Research Centers—(IUCRC/SIUCRC)	730	1020	630
Human Resources	770	1295/1280	680

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

Dated: August 17, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Thursday, August 27, 1998.

PLACE: NTSB Board Room, 5th Floor, 490 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20594.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

6997A Aviation Accident Report—In-Flight Icing Encounter and Uncontrolled Collision with Terrain, COMAIR Flight 3272, Embraer EMB–120RT, N265CA, Monroe, Michigan, January 9, 1997.

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: Telephone: (202) 314–6100.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda Underwood, (202) 314–6065.

Dated: August 18, 1998.

Rhonda Underwood,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Use of PRA in Plant-Specific Reactor Regulatory Activities: Final Regulatory Guide and Standard Review Plan Section; Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a new guide in its Regulatory Guide Series, along with its conforming section of the Standard Review Plan. Regulatory Guide 1.174, ''An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis,'' describes a method acceptable to the NRC staff for assessing the nature and impact of changes to a plant's licensing basis when the licensee chooses to support these changes with risk information. The accompanying Standard Review Plan Chapter 19, ''Use of Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decisionmaking: General Guidance,'' conforms to the guide to provide guidance to the NRC staff in reviewing such changes.

In June 1997, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued for public comment a series of draft regulatory guides and Standard Review Plan sections and a draft NUREG document addressing the use of PRA in support of risk-informed regulatory activities. The preparation of these documents followed from the Commission's Policy Statement of August 16, 1995, on the use of PRA methods in nuclear regulatory activities (60 FR 42622). The draft guidance documents were being developed to provide acceptable approaches for using probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) information in support of plant-specific changes to plant licensing bases. The use of such PRA information and guidance by power reactor licensees is voluntary, and alternative approaches may be proposed.

The Commission conducted a workshop on August 11–13, 1997, during the comment period, to provide an overview of the draft documents, to answer questions regarding their intended application, and to solicit comments and suggestions. Comments received from the workshop have been considered in preparing this final general regulatory guide (1.174) and its accompanying Standard Review Plan (Chapter 19) for risk-informed applications. Comments received from the workshop on application-specific guidance documents for technical specifications, inservice testing, and graded quality assurance are currently being considered. These guidance documents will be issued at a later date.

Comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Single copies of regulatory guides, both active and draft, and draft NUREG documents may be obtained free of charge by writing the Reproduction and Distribution Services Section, OCIO, USNRC, Washington, DC 20555–0001; or by fax to (301) 415–2289; or by email to GRW1@NRC.GOV. Active guides may also be purchased from the National Technical Information Service on a standing order basis. Details on this service may be obtained by writing NTIS, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. Copies of active and draft guides and the Standard Review Plan are available for inspection or copying for a fee from the NRC Public Document Room at 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC; the PDR's mailing address is Mail Stop LL–6, Washington, DC 20555; telephone (202) 634–3273; fax (202) 634–3343. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

I. Background

On August 16, 1995, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** a final policy statement on the Use of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Methods in Nuclear Regulatory Activities (60 FR 42622). The policy statement included the following policy regarding NRC's expanded use of PRA:

1. The use of PRA technology should be increased in all regulatory matters to the extent supported by the state-of-the-art in PRA methods and data and in a manner that complements the NRC's deterministic approach and supports the NRC's traditional defense-in-depth philosophy.

2. PRA and associated analyses (e.g., sensitivity studies, uncertainty analyses, and importance measures) should be used in regulatory matters, where practical within the bounds of the state-of-the-art, to reduce unnecessary conservatism associated with current regulatory requirements, regulatory guides, license commitments, and staff practices. Where appropriate, PRA should be used to support proposals for additional regulatory requirements in accordance with 10 CFR 50.109 (Backfit Rule). Appropriate procedures for including PRA in the process for changing regulatory requirements should be developed and followed. It is, of course, understood that the intent of this policy is that existing rules and regulations shall be complied with unless these rules and regulations are revised.

3. PRA evaluations in support of regulatory decisions should be as realistic as practicable and appropriate supporting data should be publicly available for review.

4. The Commission's safety goals for nuclear power plants and subsidiary numerical objectives are to be used with appropriate consideration of uncertainties in making regulatory judgments on the need for proposing and backfitting new generic requirements on nuclear power plant licensees.

It was the Commission's intent that implementation of this policy statement would improve the regulatory process in three areas:

1. Enhancement of safety decision making by the use of PRA insights.

2. More efficient use of agency resources, and

3. Reduction in unnecessary burdens on licensees.