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Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Biological Sciences; 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 Biological Sciences (1110): Committee of Visitors (COV) Review for Biomolecular Structure & Function and Biomolecular Processes in the Division of Molecular & Cellular Biosciences.

Date and Time: July, 10-12, 2000; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 310, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Contact Person: Maryanna Henkart, Division Director for Molecular and Cellular Biosciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, (703) 306-1440.

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

Type of Meeting: Part open (see agenda below):

Agenda

Closed: July 10, (10 a.m.-5 p.m.); July 11 (8:30 a.m.-1 p.m., and 2 p.m.-5 p.m.); and July 12 (8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2 p.m.-5 p.m.)—To review the merit review processes covering funding decisions made during the immediately preceding three fiscal years of programs in the Division of Molecular and Cellular Biosciences.

Open: July 10 (8:30 a.m.-10 a.m.); July 11 (1 p.m.-2 p.m.), and July 12 (1 p.m.-2 p.m.)—To assess the results of NSF program investments in the Molecular and Cellular Biosciences 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 fiscal years. These results may be based on NSF grants or other investments made in earlier years.

Reason for Closing: During the closed session, the Committee will be reviewing proposal actions that will include information of a proprietary 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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NORTHEAST DAIRY COMPACT COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Northeast Dairy Compact Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Compact Commission will hold its regular monthly meeting to consider matters relating to administration and enforcement of the price regulation, including the reports and recommendations of the Commission's standing Committees.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at The Wayfarer Inn, 121 S. River Road, U.S. Route 3, Bedford, New Hampshire.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth M. Becker, Executive Director, Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, 34 Barre Street, Suite 2, Montpelier, VT 05602. Telephone (802) 229-1941.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7256.

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Kenneth M. Becker,

Executive Director.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366]

Southern Nuclear Operating Company; Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5; Receipt of Petition for Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by petition dated May 3, 2000, Mr. David A. Lochbaum, on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists, has requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take action with regard to Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Hatch), owned and operated by Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., *et al.* (the licensee). The Petitioner requested that the NRC ask questions, via a demand for information, of the licensee concerning the liquid and gaseous radwaste systems at Hatch. As the basis for the request, the Petitioner contended that Hatch is being

operated outside its design and licensing bases because the material condition of piping, tanks, and other components of the liquid and gaseous radwaste systems is not being properly inspected and maintained.

A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC, and is accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronics Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www/nrc.gov>).

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of June 2000.

Roy P. Zimmerman,

Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-245]

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company; Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR Part 73 for Facility Operating License No. DPR-21, issued to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licensee) for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1, a permanently shutdown nuclear reactor facility located in Waterford, Connecticut.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would modify security requirements to eliminate certain equipment, to relocate certain equipment, to modify certain procedures, and reduce the number of armed responders, due to the permanently shutdown and defueled status of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated March 13, 2000, as supplemented by letter dated May 1, 2000. The requested action would grant an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for physical protection of licensed activities in nuclear power reactors against radiological sabotage."

The Need for the Proposed Action

On July 21, 1998, the licensee informed the NRC that it had decided to permanently cease operation of Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1, and that all fuel had been permanently removed from the reactor. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.82(a)(2), the certifications in the letter modified the facility operating license to permanently withdraw the licensee's authority to operate the reactor and to load fuel into the reactor vessel. In this permanently shutdown condition, the facility poses a reduced risk to public health and safety. Because of this reduced risk, certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55 are no longer appropriate. An exemption is required from portions of 10 CFR 73.55 to allow the licensee to implement a revised security plan that is appropriate for the permanently shutdown and defueled Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that granting an exemption to those portions of 10 CFR 73.55, identified above, would not have a significant impact on the environment, given the reduced consequences of an act of sabotage resulting in the release of radioactive material contained in the spent fuel at a defueled reactor site.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current

environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

In accordance with its stated policy, on June 2, 2000, the staff consulted with the State of Connecticut official, Mr. Michael Firsick of the Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated March 13, 2000, as supplemented by letter dated May 1, 2000, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of June 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David J. Wrona,

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NRC Coordination Meeting With Standards Development Organizations

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The NRC has committed through its Strategic Plan to utilize consensus standards to increase the

involvement of licensees and others in the NRC's regulatory development process, consistent with the provisions of Public Law (P.L.) 104-113, the National Technology and Transfer Act of 1995, and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and Conformity Assessment." As part of this commitment, periodic coordination meetings with key standards development organizations (SDOs) and other stakeholders have been held to foster better communication of SDOs' ongoing activities, and NRC needs regarding standards development and their use. This notice provides the date and agenda for the next meeting.

DATES: July 27, 2000—The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and will last approximately four hours. Attendees should enter the One White Flint North lobby by 12:45 p.m. to complete the required badging process.

LOCATION: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-4-B6, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738.

CONTACT: Wallace E. Norris, USNRC, Telephone: (301) 415-6796; Fax: (301) 415-5074; Internet: wen@nrc.gov

ATTENDANCE: This meeting is open to the general public. All individuals planning to attend, including SDO representatives, are requested to preregister with Mr. Norris by telephone or e-mail and provide their name, affiliation, phone number, and e-mail address.

PROGRAM: The purpose of the meeting is to foster better communication between SDOs and NRC regarding standards development and use. By holding periodic coordination meetings, the SDOs will be able to describe their ongoing and planned activities, and the NRC will be able to discuss activities and issues related to specific standards that are being developed or revised to meet its regulatory needs. The meeting will be coordinated by the NRC Standards Executive.

Among the topics to be discussed are:

1. The on-going review of NRC staff participation on standards committees.
2. Coordination between NRC and SDOs and the mechanism for initiating standards.
3. When overlapping standards exist or are being developed (*e.g.*, ASTM, ISO, CEN), how should the lead SDO be determined?
4. Use of consensus standards in Independent Spent Fuel Storage Facilities (ISFSI); how the NRC will use consensus standards in NRC licensing