

forthcoming meeting of the National Institute for Literacy Board (Advisory Board). This notice also describes the function of the Advisory Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.

DATE AND TIME: March 14, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and March 15, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Institute for Literacy, 1775 I Street, NW., Suite 730, Washington, DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shelly Coles, Executive Assistant, National Institute for Literacy, 1775 I Street, NW., Suite 730, Washington, DC 20006. Telephone number (202) 233-2027, e-mail: [scoes@nifl.gov](mailto:scoles@nifl.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board is established under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, Title II of Pub. L. 105-220, Sec. 242, the National Institute for Literacy. The Advisory Board consists of ten individuals appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Advisory Board is established to advise and make recommendations to the Interagency Group, composed of the Secretaries of Education, Labor, and Health and Human Services, which administers the National Institute for Literacy (Institute). The Interagency Group considers the Advisory Board's recommendations in planning the goals of the Institute and in the implementation of any programs to achieve the goals of the Institute. Specifically, the Advisory Board performs the following functions: (a) Makes recommendations concerning the appointment of the Director and the staff of the Institute; (b) provides independent advice on operation of the Institute; and (c) receives reports from the Interagency Group and Director of the Institute. In addition, the Institute consults with the Advisory Board on the award of fellowships. The National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board meeting on March 14-15, 2002, will focus on future and current NIFL program activities, and other relevant literacy activities and issues. Records are kept of all Advisory Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the National Institute for Literacy, 1775 I Street, NW., Suite 730, Washington, DC 20006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dated: February 26, 2002.

Sandra L. Baxter,

Interim Executive Director.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Proposal Review; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces its intent to hold proposal review meetings throughout the year. The purpose of these meetings is to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support. The agenda for each of these meetings is to review and evaluate proposals as part of the selection process for awards. The majority of these meetings will take place at NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

All of these meetings will be closed to the public. 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. NSF will continue to review the agenda and merits of each meeting for overall compliance of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

These closed proposal review meetings will no longer be announced on an individual basis in the **Federal Register**. NSF intends to publish a notice similar to this on a quarterly basis. For an advance listing of the closed proposal review meetings that include the names of the proposal review panel and the time, date, place, and any information on changes, corrections, or cancellations, please visit the NSF Website: www.nsf.gov/home/pubinfo/advisory.htm. This information may also be requested by telephoning 703/292-8182.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-143]

Nuclear Fuel Services; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Amendment of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-124 for Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., Erwin, Tennessee.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering the amendment of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-124 to authorize new activities at the Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (NFS), facility located in Erwin, TN, and will prepare an Environmental Assessment to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact.

Identification of the Proposed Action

NFS plans to request three amendments to their NRC license to authorize activities associated with the preparation of blended low-enriched uranium (BLEU) from surplus highly-enriched uranium from the U.S. Department of Energy. These activities would be performed under a contract with Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) to provide low-enriched uranium fuel to be used in TVA's Brown's Ferry Nuclear Plant in Alabama. The Department of Energy prepared an Environmental Impact Statement to address the disposition of surplus highly enriched uranium (Disposition of Surplus Highly Enriched Uranium Final Environmental Impact Statement, DOE/EIS-0240, June 1996). NRC determined that this EIS did not specifically address the local environmental impacts of the construction of new storage and processing facilities in Erwin, Tennessee, and operation of these facilities, and that additional environmental review is necessary to support NRC's licensing actions.

In an amendment application to be submitted in February 2002, NFS will request authorization to store low-enriched uranyl nitrate solution in a new tank storage facility on the NFS plant site. In an amendment application to be submitted in July 2002, NFS will request authorization to perform dissolution of highly-enriched uranium/aluminum alloy and uranium metal and downblending of the resulting solution into low-enriched uranyl nitrate solution. In an amendment application

to be submitted in January 2003, NFS will request authorization to perform conversion of the low-enriched uranyl nitrate solution into uranium dioxide powder. NRC is preparing one Environmental Assessment that will address the environmental affects of all 3 future license amendments.

NFS submitted a licensing plan of action to the NRC in an attachment to a letter dated October 4, 2001, from B. Marie Moore, NFS, to the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NRC ADAMS Accession Number ML012850006). NRC acknowledged the licensing plan of action, with comment, in a letter dated December 31, 2001 (NRC ADAMS Accession Number ML020020117). NFS also submitted a Supplemental Environmental Report for Licensing Actions to Support the BLEU Project, dated November 9, 2001, (NRC ADAMS Accession Number ML013330459), and Additional Information to Support an Environmental Review for BLEU Project, dated January 15, 2002 (NRC ADAMS Accession Number ML020290471).

The Commission intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment related to the amendment of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-124. On the basis of the assessment, the Commission will either conclude that an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary or will conclude that environmental impacts associated with the proposed action would not be significant and do not warrant the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," a copies of the relevant documents are available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

The NRC contact for this licensing action is Mary T. Adams. Ms. Adams may be contacted at (301) 415-7249 or by e-mail at mta@nrc.gov for more information about the licensing action.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25 day of February 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Melvyn N. Leach,

Chief, Fuel Cycle Licensing Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. (as shown in Attachment 1)
License Nos. (as shown in Attachment 1)
EA-02-026]

All Operating Power Reactor Licensees; Order Modifying Licenses (Effective Immediately)

I

The licensees identified in Attachment 1 to this Order hold licenses issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) authorizing operation of nuclear power plants in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and 10 CFR part 50. Commission regulations at 10 CFR 50.54(p)(1) require these licensees to maintain safeguards contingency plan procedures in accordance with 10 CFR part 73, Appendix C. Specific safeguards requirements are contained in 10 CFR 73.55.

II

On September 11, 2001, terrorists simultaneously attacked targets in New York, NY, and Washington, DC, utilizing large commercial aircraft as weapons. In response to the attacks and intelligence information subsequently obtained, the Commission issued a number of Safeguards and Threat Advisories to its licensees in order to strengthen licensees' capabilities and readiness to respond to a potential attack on a nuclear facility. The Commission has also communicated with other Federal, State and local government agencies and industry representatives to discuss and evaluate the generalized high-level threat environment in order to assess the adequacy of security measures at licensed facilities. In addition, the Commission has commenced a comprehensive review of its safeguards and security programs and requirements.

As a result of its initial consideration of current safeguards and security plan requirements, as well as a review of information provided by the intelligence community, the Commission has determined that certain compensatory measures should be required to be implemented by licensees as prudent, interim measures, to address the generalized high-level threat environment in a consistent manner throughout the nuclear reactor community. Therefore, the Commission is imposing requirements, as set forth in Attachment 2¹ of this Order, on all

¹ Attachment 2 contains safeguards information and will not be released to the public.

operating power reactor licensees. These interim requirements, which supplement existing regulatory requirements, will provide the Commission with reasonable assurance that the public health and safety and common defense and security continue to be adequately protected in the current generalized high-level threat environment. These requirements will remain in effect pending notification from the Commission that a significant change in the threat environment occurs, or until the Commission determines that other changes are needed following a comprehensive re-evaluation of current safeguards and security programs.

The Commission recognizes that licensees may have already initiated many of the measures set forth in Attachment 2 to this Order in response to previously issued advisories or on their own. It is also recognized that some measures may not be possible or necessary at some sites, or may need to be tailored to specifically accommodate the specific circumstances existing at the licensee's facility to achieve the intended objectives and avoid any unforeseen effect on safe operation.

Although the licensees' responses to the Safeguards and Threat Advisories have been adequate to provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety, the Commission believes that the responses must be supplemented because the generalized high-level threat environment has persisted longer than expected, and as a result, it is appropriate to require certain security measures so that they are maintained within the established regulatory framework. In order to provide assurance that licensees are implementing prudent measures to achieve a consistent level of protection to address the current, generalized high-level threat environment, all licenses identified in Attachment 1 to this Order shall be modified to include the requirements identified in Attachment 2 to this Order. In addition, pursuant to 10 CFR 2.202, I find that in the circumstances described above, the public health, safety and interest require that this Order be immediately effective.

III

Accordingly, pursuant to sections 103, 104, 161b, 161i, 161o, 182 and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202 and 10 CFR parts 50 and 73, it is hereby ordered effective immediately, that all licenses identified in attachment 1 to this order are modified as follows: