

Under the August 16, 1995 opinion of the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice, exempt functions and services would include activities such as those related to the constitutional duties of the President, food and drug inspection, air traffic control, responses to natural or manmade disasters, law enforcement and supervision of financial markets. Documents related to normal or routine activities of Federal agencies, even if funded under prior year appropriations, will not be published.

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Authority: The authority for this action is 44 U.S.C. 1502 and 1 CFR 2.4 and 5.1.

Dated: March 1, 2011.

Raymond A. Mosley,

Director of the Federal Register.

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NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATES:

All meetings are held at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1;
 Wednesday, March 2;
 Thursday, March 3;
 Tuesday, March 8;
 Wednesday, March 9;
 Thursday, March 10;
 Tuesday, March 15;
 Wednesday, March 16;
 Thursday, March 17;
 Tuesday, March 22;
 Wednesday, March 23;
 Thursday, March 24;
 Tuesday, March 29;
 Wednesday, March 30;
 Thursday, March 31.

PLACE: Board Agenda Room, No. 11820, 1099 14th St., NW., Washington, DC 20570.

Status: Closed.

Matters To Be Considered: Pursuant to § 102.139(a) of the Board's Rules and Regulations, the Board or a panel thereof will consider "the issuance of a subpoena, the Board's participation in a civil action or proceeding or an arbitration, or the initiation, conduct, or disposition * * * of particular representation or unfair labor practice proceedings under section 8, 9, or 10 of the [National Labor Relations] Act, or

any court proceedings collateral or ancillary thereto." See also 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Henry S. Breitenreicher, Associate Executive Secretary, (202) 273-2917.

Dated: March 2, 2011.

Henry S. Breitenreicher,

Associate Executive Secretary.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee 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: Advisory Committee for Geosciences (1755).

Dates: April 13, 2011; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., April 14, 2011; 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Place: Stafford I, Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Melissa Lane, National Science Foundation, Suite 705, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230. Phone 703-292-8500.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for geosciences.

Agenda

April 13, 2011

- Directorate activities and plans including discussion of FY 2012 NSF-Wide Investments.
- Topical Subcommittee Meetings.
- Meeting with the Director.

April 14, 2011

- Division Subcommittee Meetings.
- Divisional and Topical Subcommittee Reports.
- Action Items/Planning for Fall Meeting.

Dated: March 1, 2011.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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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 review and evaluation may also include assessment of the progress of awarded proposals. The majority of these meetings will take place at NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230.

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 not 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 Web site: <http://www.nsf.gov> This information may also be requested by telephoning, 703/292-8182.

Dated: March 1, 2011.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Board; Notice of Delegation of Authority

In accordance with Section 1863(e)(2) of the National Science Foundation Act, as amended, the National Science Board (Board) hereby gives notice in regards to a delegation of authority provided to the Director, National Science Foundation (NSF), as follows:

Per resolution adopted unanimously at the National Science Board meeting on February 16, 2011, the Board revised its earlier award-approval delegation to the NSF Director by increasing the award threshold requiring Board

approval from “1 percent or more of the awarding Directorate’s or Office’s prior year current plan or \$3 million—whichever is greater”—to the greater of either 1 percent or more of the awarding Directorate’s or Office’s prior year current plan or 0.1 percent or more of the prior year total NSF budget.

The Board also added a provision to the delegation to highlight existing NSF policy requiring the NSF Director to make no award from the Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction (MREFC) account without the prior approval of the Board, as required by law.

Finally, the Board clarified a previous delegation by making clear that in the case of procurements requiring Board approval, when the Board approves or authorizes the Director to make an award and no amount is specified in the Board resolution, the Director may subsequently amend the award to change the expiration date of the award and/or to commit additional sums not to exceed the lesser of 10 million dollars or 20 percent of the contract ceiling award amount.

Point of contact is: Jennie Moehlmann, National Science Board Office, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292–7000.

Daniel A. Lauretano,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Entergy Operations, Inc. Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 Exemption

1.0 Background

Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy, the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Number NPF–42, which authorizes operation of the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Waterford 3). The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of one pressurized-water reactor located in Saint Charles Parish, Louisiana.

2.0 Request/Action

By letter dated May 27, 2010 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS)

Accession No. ML101520325), and supplemented by letters dated November 3 and 29, 2010 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML103090716 and ML103350158, respectively), Entergy requested an exemption, pursuant to Section 26.9, “Specific exemptions,” of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), from the requirements of Sections 26.205(c) and (d) during declarations of severe weather conditions, such as a tropical storm and hurricane-force winds, as described in Entergy’s document, Procedure ENS–EP–302, “Severe Weather Response.” The requested exemption would apply to individuals who perform duties identified in 10 CFR 26.4(a)(1) through (a)(5) who are sequestered in the event of severe winds and who would need to be available to ensure the plant remains in a safe and secure status to protect the public.

Waterford 3 is located in a coastal area and has a likelihood of being affected by hurricane watches and warnings or inland hurricane wind watches and warnings caused by a hurricane impacting the coast. The most recent events were Hurricanes Katrina (August 27, 2005) and Gustav (August 31, 2008). In both events, the site was under a hurricane warning. Widespread evacuations were required for both storms and response personnel were sequestered on site. The site entered an Unusual Event in both cases. The exemption request proposes to extend the exception provided by Section 26.207(d) for pre-defined entry and exit conditions related to hurricane events because the sequestering of plant personnel and related staff resource limitations may occur at times prior to and following the hurricane.

The exemption will allow Waterford 3 to sequester individuals on-site, when travel to and from the site during high-wind conditions may be hazardous or simply not possible. If conditions are such that sustained winds of 74 mile per hour are present on-site, then Waterford 3 must declare a notice of Unusual Event (UE). When this declaration is made, an exemption from work hour controls is available under 10 CFR 26.207(d).

The regulations in 10 CFR 26.205(c), “Work hours scheduling,” a performance-based provision, require that licensees schedule the work hours of individuals who are subject to this section consistent with the objective of preventing impairment from fatigue due to duration, frequency, or sequencing of successive shifts. The regulations in 10 CFR 26.205(d), “Work hour controls,” specify the maximum work hour limits, the minimum break requirements and

the minimum day-off requirements for covered workers.

After the high-wind conditions pass, wind damage to the plant and surrounding area might preclude sufficient numbers of individuals from immediately returning to the site. Additionally, if mandatory civil evacuations were ordered, this would possibly delay the return of sufficient relief personnel. In its letter dated November 3, 2010, the licensee clarified that the exemption will be exited if the relevant hurricane watch/warning or Inland Hurricane Watch/Warning has been canceled; if weather conditions and highway infrastructure support safe travel; and if relief crews are available to restore normal shift rotation determined by the Site VP (or designee). When this declaration is made, full compliance with 10 CFR 26.205(c) and (d) is again required.

Thus, to summarize, the Entergy exemption request for Waterford 3 can be characterized as having three parts: (1) High-wind exemption encompassing the period starting with the initiating conditions to just prior to declaration of an unusual event, (2) a period defined as immediately following high-wind condition, when an unusual event is not declared, but when a recovery period is still required, and (3) a recovery exemption immediately following an existing 10 CFR 26.207(d) exception as discussed above.

3.0 Discussion

The NRC, pursuant to 10 CFR 26.9, requires that upon application of any interested person or on its own initiative, the Commission may grant such exemptions from the requirements of the regulations at 10 CFR 26.205(c) and (d), as “it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and are otherwise in the public interest.”

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee’s request using the regulations contained in 10 CFR 26.205 and 10 CFR 26.207 and related Statements of Consideration in the 10 CFR part 26 Final Rule published in the **Federal Register** on March 31, 2008 (73 FR 17148). Other references include:

- NRC Regulatory Guide 5.73, “Fatigue Management for Nuclear Power Plant Personnel,” dated March 2009 (ADAMS Accession No. ML083450028);
- NRC Information Notice 93–53, “Effect of Hurricane Andrew on Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Station and Lessons Learned,” dated July 20, 1993 (ADAMS Accession No. ML031070364);
- NRC Information Notice 93–53, Supplement 1, “Effect of Hurricane