

- Report on the results of the San Diego Workshop and implications for Sun-Earth Connection (SEC).
- SEC status, including reports on Solar Terrestrial Probe and Living with a Star Lines.
- Report on the Applied Physics Laboratory Solar Probe Study.
- Discussion of Prognosis for Low Cost Access to Space.
- Discussion of Draft Office of Space Science Strategic Plan.
- Science results from High Energy Solar Spectroscopic Imager and Solar Anomalous and Magnetospheric Particle Explorer.

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

June W. Edwards,

*Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space
Administration.*

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (03-010)]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Graftel, Inc., of Rolling Meadows, IL, has applied for a partially exclusive patent license to practice the invention disclosed in NASA Case No. KSC-12220 entitled "Current Signature Sensor" for which a U.S. Patent Application was filed and assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The field of use will be the electric utility industry. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to John F. Kennedy Space Center.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by February 24, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randall M. Heald, Assistant Chief Counsel/Patent Counsel, John F. Kennedy Space Center, Mail Code CC-A, Kennedy Space Center, FL 32899, telephone (321) 867-7214.

Dated: January 31, 2003.

Robert M. Stephens,

Deputy General Counsel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-369 and 50-370]

Duke Power Company, McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2; Exemption

1.0 Background

The Duke power Company (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-9 and NPF-17, for the McGuire Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2. The licenses provide, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

These facilities consist of two pressurized water reactors located at the licensee's site in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina.

2.0 Request/Action

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) at subsection (a) of 10 CFR 70.24, "Criticality Accident Requirements," requires that each licensee authorized to possess special nuclear material shall maintain in each area where such material is handled, used, or stored, a criticality accident monitoring system "using gamma- or neutron-sensitive radiation detectors which will energize clearly audible alarm signals if accident criticality occurs." Subsection (a)(1) and (a)(2) of 10 CFR 70.24 specify the detection, sensitivity, and coverage capabilities of the monitors required by 10 CFR 70.24(a). Subsection (a)(3) of 10 CFR 70.24 requires that the licensee shall maintain emergency procedures for each area in which this licensed special nuclear material is handled, used, or stored and provides (1) that the procedures ensure that all personnel withdraw to an area of safety upon the sounding of a criticality monitor alarm, (2) that the procedures must include drills to familiarize personnel with the evacuation plan, and (3) that the procedures designate responsible individuals for determining the cause of the alarm and placement of radiation survey instruments in accessible locations for use in such an emergency. Subsection (b)(1) requires licensees to have a means to quickly identify personnel who have received a dose of 10 rads or more. Subsection (b)(2)

requires licensees to maintain personnel decontamination facilities, to maintain arrangements for a physician and other medical personnel qualified to handle radiation emergencies, and to maintain arrangements for the transportation of contaminated individuals to treatment facilities outside the site boundary. Subsection (c) exempts part 50 licensees (such as McGuire) from the requirements of paragraph (b).

By letter dated February 4, 1997, as supplemented March 19, 1997, Duke Power Company (the licensee) requested an exemption for all its nuclear plants from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24. The staff reviewed the licensee's submittal and determined that procedures and design features made an inadvertent criticality in special nuclear materials handling or storage at McGuire unlikely, in accordance with General Design Criterion 62. Accordingly, the staff granted an Exemption on July 31, 1997. Part of the basis for that exemption was that the criticality parameter of k-effective (k_{eff}) would remain less than or equal to 0.95 when the spent fuel pool was filled with unborated water. By letter dated April 18, 2002, as supplemented on August 7 and October 9, 2002, and January 15, 2003, the licensee submitted an application for revisions to the McGuire Technical Specifications to address the spent fuel pool Boraflex degradation issues. The analysis supporting this application proposed to take partial credit for boron in the spent fuel pool water. Therefore, a part of the technical basis for which the 10 CFR 70.24 exemption was granted on July 31, 1997, has changed. The staff has reviewed the licensee's application and continues to find that existing procedures and design features make an inadvertent criticality in special nuclear materials handling or storage at McGuire unlikely.

3.0 Discussion

Pursuant to section 70.17 of 10 CFR, "Specific exemptions," the Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the requirements of the regulations in this part 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 staff concludes, on the basis provided above, that the licensee has thus met the intent of 10 CFR 70.24 by the low probability of an inadvertent criticality in areas where fresh fuel could be present, by the licensee's adherence to General Design Criterion 63 regarding radiation monitoring, and

by provisions for personnel training and evacuation.

4.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 70.17, the exemption is authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants Duke Power Company an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24(a)(1), (2), and (3) for McGuire, Units 1 and 2, on the bases as stated in Section II above.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (68 FR 5054).

This exemption is effective upon issuance and shall expire on December 31, 2005.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of January.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John A. Zwolinski,

Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Performance Measurement Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

OPEN MEETING NOTICE: The Performance Measurement Advisory Council ("PMAC") will meet on Monday, March 3, 2003, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. eastern time. Location for the meeting will be the Truman Room of the White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public and written statements may be filed with the advisory committee. It is recommended that members of the public wishing to attend bring photo identification. Due to limited availability of seating, members of the public will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis. This is the third and final meeting of the PMAC.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide independent expert advice and recommendations to the Office of Management and Budget regarding measures of program performance and

the use of such measures in making management and budget decisions. The agenda and topics to be discussed include a review of program performance information in the budget, and review of the application of the Program Assessment Ratings Tool. An agenda may be obtained prior to the meeting at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budintegration/index.html>. Additional information, including information for members of the public with disabilities, may be obtained by calling Mr. Thomas M. Reilly, PMAC Designated Federal Officer, (202) 395-4926.

Dated: January 31, 2003.

Thomas M. Reilly,

PMAC Designated Federal Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-25923; 812-12736]

ARK Funds, et al.; Notice of Application

February 3, 2003.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application for an order under (a) section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Act") for an exemption from sections 18(f) and 21(b) of the Act; (b) section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Act for an exemption from sections 12(d)(1)(A) and (B) of the Act; (c) sections 6(c) and 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from sections 17(a)(1) and 17(a)(3) of the Act; and, (d) section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 under the Act to permit certain joint transactions.

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order that would permit certain registered open-end investment companies to participate in a joint lending and borrowing facility.

Applicants: Allied Investment Advisers, Inc. ("AIA"); Allfirst Trust Company N.A. ("Allfirst Trust"); ARK Funds.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on December 28, 2001, and amended on December 19, 2002. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the

Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on February 28, 2003, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit, or for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Applicants, c/o Alan C. Porter, Esq., Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stacy L. Fuller, Senior Counsel, or Nadya B. Roytblat, Assistant Director, at 202-942-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (telephone 202-942-8090).

Applicants' Representations

1. ARK Funds is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company and is organized as a Massachusetts business trust.¹ AIA, an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, serves as investment adviser for each series of ARK Funds. AIA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Allfirst Bank, a Federal Reserve member bank. Allfirst Trust, a wholly owned subsidiary of Allfirst Bank, serves as custodian, transfer agent and administrator for ARK Funds. An existing Commission order permits certain series of ARK Funds that are not money market funds to invest uninvested cash balances in one or more series of ARK Funds that are money market funds that comply with rule 2a-

¹ Applicants request that the relief also apply to any other existing or future registered open-end management investment company or series thereof that is advised by AIA or any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with AIA or its successors (together with the series of ARK Funds, the "Funds"). "Successors" are limited to any entities that result from AIA's reorganization into another jurisdiction or a change in the type of business organization. All Funds that currently intend to rely on the order have been named as applicants, and any other existing or future Fund that subsequently may rely on the order will comply with the terms and conditions in the application.