

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Power Upgrades; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Power Upgrades will hold a meeting on March 15–16, 2006, at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 in the Cabinet/Judiciary Room.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, March 15, 2006—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

Thursday, March 16, 2006—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittee will review the application for a 17% power uprate for the R. E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, their contractors, Constellation Energy and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Mr. Ralph Caruso (Telephone: 301–415–8065) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted. Signs will not be permitted in the meeting room.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (e.t). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: February 24, 2006.

Cayetano Santos,

Acting Branch Chief, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a

meeting on March 14, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 in the Waterford Room.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of portions that may be closed to discuss General Electric (GE) proprietary information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b (c) (4).

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, March 14, 2006—8:30 a.m. Until the Conclusion of Business

The Subcommittee will review the staff Safety Evaluation Report related to the use of TRACG to evaluate stability in the ESBWR. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, their contractors, GE and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Mr. Ralph Caruso (Telephone: 301–415–8065) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: February 24, 2006.

Cayetano Santos,

Acting Branch Chief, ACRS/ACNW.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Request for Public Comment on Review of Employment Impact of a Proposed Free Trade Agreement Between the United States and Korea

AGENCIES: Office of the United States Trade Representative; Department of Labor.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) gives notice that the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and the Department of Labor (Labor) are initiating a review of the impact of a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between the United States and the Republic of Korea (Korea) on U.S. employment, including labor markets. This notice seeks written public comment on potentially significant sectoral or regional employment impacts (both positive and negative) in the United States as well as other likely labor market impacts of the FTA.

DATES: USTR and Labor will accept any comments received during the course of the negotiation of the FTA. However, comments should be received by noon, March 31, 2006 to be assured of timely consideration in the preparation of the report.

ADDRESSES: Submissions by electronic mail: FR0611@ustr.eop.gov. Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395–6143.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395–3475. Substantive questions concerning the employment impact review should be addressed to Greg Schoepfle, Acting Director, Office of International Economic Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693–4887; or Lewis Karesh, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Labor, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395–6120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background Information

In accordance with section 2104 of the Trade Act of 2002 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 3804), on February 2, 2006, the United States Trade Representative notified the Congress of the President's intent to initiate FTA negotiations with Korea. On February 2, 2006, the United States Trade Representative also requested the U. S. International Trade Commission (ITC) to provide advice on probable economic effects of an FTA. In addition, USTR published a notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting views from the public on the negotiations in general, and the TPSC will hold a public hearing on March 14, 2006. The United

States intends to begin negotiations with Korea in May 2006.

2. Employment Impact Review

Section 2102(c)(5) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 3802(c)(5)) directs the President to "review the impact of future trade agreements on United States employment, including labor markets, modeled after Executive Order 13141 to the extent appropriate in establishing procedures and criteria, report to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate on such review, and make that report available to the public." USTR and Labor will conduct the employment reviews through the TPSC.

The employment impact review will be based on the following elements, which are modeled to the extent appropriate after those in EO 13141. The review will be: (1) Written; (2) initiated through a notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting public comment and information on the employment impact of the FTA in the United States; (3) made available to the public in draft form for public comment, to the extent practicable; and (4) made available to the public in final form.

Comments may be submitted on potentially significant sectoral or regional employment impacts (both positive and negative) in the United States as well as other likely labor market impacts of the FTA. Persons submitting comments should provide as much detail as possible in support of their submissions.

3. Requirements for Submissions

In order to ensure prompt and full consideration of responses, the TPSC strongly urges and prefers electronic (e-mail) submissions in response to this notice. In the event that an e-mail submission is impossible, submissions should be made by facsimile.

Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: "Employment Impact Review for a Free Trade Agreement between the United States and Korea." Documents should be submitted as WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Spreadsheets submitted as supporting documentation are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel files. If any document submitted electronically contains business confidential information, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-," and the file name of the public version should begin with the character "P-." The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the submitter. Persons who

make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. To the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Written comments will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except confidential business information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Confidential business information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6 must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top of each page, including any cover letter or cover page, and must be accompanied by a non-confidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and non-confidential summaries shall be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room in Room 3 of the Annex of the Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508. An appointment to review the file may be made by calling (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is generally open to the public from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance.

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Initiation of Environmental Review of Proposed Free Trade Agreement Between the United States and Korea; Public Comments on Scope of Environmental Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This publication gives notice that, pursuant to the Trade Act of 2002, and consistent with Executive Order 13141 (64 FR 63169) (Nov. 18, 1999) and its implementing guidelines (65 FR 79442), the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), through the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is initiating an environmental review of the proposed free trade agreement (FTA) between the United States and Korea. The TPSC is requesting written comments from the

public on what should be included in the scope of the environmental review, including the potential environmental effects that might flow from the free trade agreement and the potential implications for U.S. environmental laws and regulations, and identification of complementarities between trade and environmental objectives such as the promotion of sustainable development. The TPSC also welcomes public views on appropriate methodologies and sources of data for conducting the review. Persons submitting written comments should provide as much detail as possible on the degree to which the subject matter they propose for inclusion in the review may raise significant environmental issues in the context of the negotiation.

DATES: Public comments should be received no later than March 31, 2006.

ADDRESSES: *Submissions by electronic mail:* FR0610@ustr.eop.gov.

Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-6143.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395-3475. Questions concerning the environmental review should be addressed to Russell Smith or David J. Brooks, Environment and Natural Resources Section, USTR, telephone (202) 395-7320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background Information

On February 2, 2006, in accordance with section 2104(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 2002, the United States Trade Representative, Ambassador Robert Portman, notified Congress of the President's intent to enter into trade negotiations with the Republic of Korea. Ambassador Portman outlined specific U.S. objectives for these negotiations in the notification letters to Congress. Copies of the letters are available at: http://www.ustr.gov/Trade_Agreements/Bilateral/Republic_of_Korea_FTA/Section_Index.html.

The TPSC also has invited the public to provide written comments and/or oral testimony at a public hearing that will take place on March 14, 2006, to assist USTR in amplifying and clarifying negotiating objectives for the proposed FTA and to provide advice on how specific goods and services and other matters should be treated under the proposed agreement (see 71 FR 6820).

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