

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Advisory Committee for Environmental Research and Education (AC-ERE); 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 Environmental Research and Education (9487).

*Dates:* April 14, 2004, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. and April 15, 2004, 8 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

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

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Margaret Cavanaugh, Office of the Director, National Science Foundation, Suite 1205, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230. Telephone: 703-292-8002.

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

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning support for environmental research and education.

*Agenda:* April 14—Update on recent NSF environmental activities Report on the Biocomplexity in the Environment Committee of Visitors (BE-COV) Meeting.

Discussion of ACERE projects, such as occasional papers Panel presentations and discussion on “Integrating Environmental Observing Systems for Complex Environmental Systems.”

April 15—AC-ERE task group meetings and reports Presentation on “Green Energy Production from Wastes using Bacteria.”

Meeting with the Acting Director or Deputy Director.

Dated: March 9, 2004.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. 50-336 and 50-423]

**Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., Millstone Power Station, Units 2 and 3; Notice of Acceptance for Docketing of the Applications and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing Regarding Renewal of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-65 AND NPF-49 for an Additional 20-Year Period**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is considering applications for the renewal of Operating License Nos. DPR-65 and NPF-49, which authorize the Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., to

operate the Millstone Power Station at 2700 megawatts thermal for Unit 2 and at 3411 megawatts thermal for Unit 3, respectively. The renewed licenses would authorize the applicant to operate Millstone Power Station, Units 2 and 3, for an additional 20-years beyond the period specified in the current licenses. The current operating license for the Millstone Unit 2 (DRP-65) expires on July 31, 2015; the current operating license for Millstone Unit 3 expires on November 25, 2025.

On January 22, 2004, the Commission's staff received applications from Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. filed pursuant to 10 CFR Part 54, to renew the Operating License Nos. DPR-65 and NPF-49 for Millstone Power Station, Units 2 and 3, respectively. A Notice of Receipt and Availability of the license renewal applications, “Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc., Notice of Receipt and Availability of Application for Renewal of Millstone Power Station, Units 2 and 3, Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-65 and NPF-49 for Additional 20-Year Period,” was published in the **Federal Register** on February 3, 2004 (69 FR 5197).

The Commission's staff has determined that Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. has submitted sufficient information in accordance with 10 CFR 54.19, 54.21, 54.22, 54.23, and 51.53(c) that is acceptable for docketing. The current Docket Nos. 50-336 and 50-423 for Operating License Nos. DPR-65 and NPF-49, respectively, will be retained. The docketing of the renewal applications does not preclude requesting additional information as the review proceeds, nor does it predict whether the Commission will grant or deny the application.

Before issuance of each requested renewed license, the NRC will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. In accordance with 10 CFR 54.29, the NRC will issue a renewed license on the basis of its review if it finds that actions have been identified and have been or will be taken with respect to (1) managing the effects of aging during the period of extended operation on the functionality of structures and components that have been identified as requiring aging management review, and (2) time-limited aging analyses that have been identified as requiring review, such that there is reasonable assurance that the activities authorized by the renewed licenses will continue to be conducted in accordance with the current licensing basis (CLB), and that any changes made

to the plant's CLB comply with the Act and the Commission's regulations.

Additionally, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.95(c), the NRC will prepare an environmental impact statement that is a supplement to the Commission's NUREG-1437, “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants,” dated May 1996. Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.26, and as part of the environmental scoping process, the staff intends to hold a public scoping meeting. Detailed information regarding this meeting will be included in a future **Federal Register** notice.

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this **Federal Register** Notice, the applicant may file a request for a hearing, and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene with respect to the renewal of the licenses. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's “Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings” in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.309, which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852 and is accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC's PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, or by e-mail at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov). If a request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene is filed within the 60-day period, the Commission or a presiding officer designated by the Commission or by the Chief Administrative Judge of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the Chief Administrative Judge of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of a hearing or an appropriate order. In the event that no request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed within the 60-day period, the NRC may, upon completion of its evaluations and upon making the findings required under 10 CFR parts 51 and 54, renew the licenses without further notice.