

Health and Human Services, which administers the National Institute for Literacy (Institute). The Interagency Group considers the Board's recommendations in planning the goals of the Institute and in implementing any programs to achieve those goals. Specifically, the 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 the Institute's Director.

The National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board meeting on September 8–10, 2003, will focus on future and current program activities, reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act, and other relevant literacy activities and issues. On September 8, 2003 from 4:15 p.m. to 6 p.m., the meeting will be closed to the public to discuss personnel issues. This discussion relates to the internal personnel rules and practices of the Institute and is likely to disclose information of personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personnel privacy. The discussion may therefore be held in closed session under exemptions 2 and 6 of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6). A summary of the activities at the closed session and related matters that are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of 5 U.S.C. 552b will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting.

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: August 20, 2003.

**Sandra L. Baxter,**  
*Interim Director.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.  
**ACTION:** Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95–541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the

Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 27, 2003, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of a permit application received. A permit was issued on August 4, 2003 to: Grant Ballard, Permit No. 2004–007.

**Nadene G. Kennedy,**  
*Permit Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste, Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACNW will hold a Planning and Procedures meeting on September 16, 2003, Room T–2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACNW, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

#### **Tuesday, September 16, 2003—8:30 a.m.–10 a.m.**

The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW activities and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to 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. Howard J. Larson (Telephone: 301/415–6805) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (e.t.) 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. (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 in the agenda.

Dated: August 19, 2003.

**Sher Bahadur,**

*Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of August 25, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2003.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

*Week of August 25, 2003*

Monday, August 25, 2003

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Investigatory and Enforcement Issues (Closed—Ex. 7 & 5).

Thursday, August 28, 2003.

10:45 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed).

2 p.m. Discussion of Intragovernmental Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 9).

*Week of September 1, 2003—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 1, 2003.

*Week of September 8, 2003—Tentative*

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

1 p.m. Meeting with Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Zabko, (301) 415–2308).

This meeting will be Webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

3 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

Thursday, September 11, 2003

1:30 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

*Week of September 15, 2003—Tentative*

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 15, 2003.

Week of September 22, 2003—Tentative  
Wednesday, September 24, 2003

9 a.m. Briefing on Emergency Preparedness Program Status (Public Meeting) (Contact: Eric Weiss, 301-415-3264).

This meeting will be Webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of September 29, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 29, 2003.

\*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**  
David Louis Gamberoni (301) 415-1651.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By a vote of 3-0 on August 14, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of (1) Final Rule: Geological and Seismological Characteristics for the Siting and Design of Dry Cask Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installations and Monitored Retrievable Storage Installations—10 CFR part 72 and (2) Private Fuel Storage (Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation), Docket No. 72-22-ISFSI, LBP-03-08 (May 22, 2003)" be held on August 15, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html>.

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This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301) 415-1969. In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

Dated: August 21, 2003.

**D.L. Gamberoni**

Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17Ad-15, SEC File No. 270-360, OMB Control No. 3235-0409.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

#### Rule 17Ad-15 Signature Guarantees

Rule 17Ad-15 requires approximately 900 transfer agents to establish written standards for the acceptance or rejection of guarantees of securities transfers from eligible guarantor institutions. Transfer agents are required to establish procedures to ensure that those standards are used by the transfer agent to determine whether to accept or reject guarantees from eligible guarantor institutions. Transfer agents must maintain, for a period of three years following the date of a rejection of transfer, a record of all transfers rejected, along with the reason for the rejection, identification of the guarantor, and whether the guarantor failed to meet the transfer agent's guarantee standard. These recordkeeping requirements assist the Commission and other regulatory agencies with monitoring transfer agents and ensuring compliance with the rule.

There are approximately 900 registered transfer agents. The staff estimates that every transfer agent will spend about 40 hours annually to comply with rule 17Ad-15. The total annual burden for all transfer agents is 36,000 hours. The average cost per hour is approximately \$30. Therefore, the total cost of compliance for all transfer agents is \$1,080,000.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity

of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Kenneth A. Fogash, Associate Executive Director/Acting CIO, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 5th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549.

Dated: August 19, 2003.

**J. Lynn Taylor,**

Assistant Secretary.

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon written request, copies available from: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A, SEC File No. 270-29, OMB Control No. 3235-0037.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

- Rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A Reporting of missing, lost, stolen, or counterfeit securities.

Rule 17f-1(c) and Form X-17F-1A requires approximately 26,000 entities in the securities industry to report lost, stolen, missing, or counterfeit securities to a central database. Form X-17F-1A facilitates the accurate reporting and precise and immediate data entry into the central database. Reporting to the central database fulfills a statutory requirement that reporting institutions report and inquire about missing, lost, counterfeit, or stolen securities. Reporting to the central database also allows reporting institutions to gain access to the database that stores information for the Lost and Stolen Securities Program.

We estimate that 26,000 reporting institutions will report that securities are either missing, lost, counterfeit, or