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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**Conduct of the Meeting**

Leon S. Malmud, M.D., will chair the meeting. Dr. Malmud will conduct the meeting in a manner that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. The following procedures apply to public participation in the meeting:

1. Persons who wish to provide a written statement should submit a reproducible copy to Mohammad S. Saba, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T8F03, Washington, DC 20555. Alternatively, an e-mail can be submitted to [mss@nrc.gov](mailto:mss@nrc.gov). Submittals must be postmarked or emailed by October 3, 2005 and must pertain to the topics on the agenda for the meeting.

2. Questions from members of the public will be permitted during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chairman.

3. The transcript and written comments will be available for inspection on NRC's Web site ([www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov)) and at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738, telephone (800) 397-4209, on or about January 26, 2006. This meeting will be held in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (primarily Section 161a); the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App); and the Commission's regulations in Title 10, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 7.

4. Attendees are requested to notify Mohammad S. Saba at (301) 415-7608 of their planned attendance if special services, such as for the hearing impaired, are necessary.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of September, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**DATE:** Weeks of October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7, 2005.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

**Week of October 3, 2005**

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of October 3, 2005.

**Week of October 10, 2005—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of October 10, 2005.

**Week of October 17, 2005—Tentative**

*Tuesday, October 18, 2005*

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Decommissioning Activities and Status (Public Meeting)

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

**Week of October 24, 2005—Tentative**

*Wednesday, October 26, 2005*

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

*Thursday, October 27, 2005*

10 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed-Ex. 1)

**Week of October 31, 2005—Tentative**

*Tuesday, November 1, 2005*

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Implementation of Davis-Besse Lessons Learned Task Force (DBLLTF) Recommendations (Public Meeting)

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

**Week of November 7, 2005—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of November 7, 2005.

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: Michelle Schroll, (301) 415-1662.

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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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[aks@nrc.gov](mailto:aks@nrc.gov). Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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Dated: September 29, 2005.

**Debra L. McCain,**

*Office of the Secretary.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Notice of Availability of Draft Report for Comment: "Estimating Loss-of-Coolant Accident (LOCA) Frequencies Through the Elicitation Process," NUREG-1829**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**DATES:** Written comments must be provided by November 30, 2005.

*Background:* In support of an effort to develop a risk-informed revision of the emergency core cooling system (ECCS) requirements for commercial nuclear power plants, estimates of loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) frequencies have been developed which will enable redefinition of the design-basis break size for these requirements. These LOCA frequency estimates have been developed using an expert elicitation process by consolidating service history data and insights from probabilistic fracture mechanics (PFM) studies with knowledge of plant design, operation, and material performance. This expert elicitation to develop LOCA frequency estimates is described in draft NUREG-1829, "Estimating Loss-of-Coolant Accident (LOCA) Frequencies Through the Elicitation Process" (June 2005).

The ECCS requirements in the United States are contained in 10 CFR 50.46, Appendix K to Part 50, and General Design Criterion (GDC) 35. Specifically, ECCS design, reliability, and operating requirements exist to ensure that the system can successfully mitigate postulated LOCAs. Consideration of an

instantaneous break with a flow rate equivalent to a double-ended guillotine break (DEGB) of the largest primary piping system in the plant generally provides the limiting condition in the required 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K analysis. However, the DEGB is widely recognized as an extremely unlikely event, so NRC staff is performing a risk-informed revision of the design-basis break size requirements.

A central consideration in selecting a risk-informed design basis break size is an evaluation of the LOCA frequency as a function of break size. The most recent NRC-sponsored study of pipe break failure frequencies is contained in NUREG/CR-5750 (Poloski, 1999). Unfortunately, these estimates are not sufficient for design basis break size selection because they do not address all current passive-system degradation concerns (e.g., primary water stress corrosion cracking) and they do not discriminate among breaks having effective diameters greater than 6 inches.

There have been two approaches traditionally used to estimate LOCA frequencies and their relationship to pipe size: (i) Estimates based on statistical analysis of service experience data and (ii) PFM analysis of specific postulated failure mechanisms. Neither approach is fully suitable for evaluating LOCA event frequencies due to the rarity of these events and the modeling complexity. This study used an expert elicitation process, which is well-

recognized for quantifying phenomenological knowledge when data or modeling approaches are insufficient. Elicitation responses from a panel of 12 experts determined individual LOCA frequency estimates for the 5th percentile, median, mean and 95th percentile of the frequency distribution for each of six LOCA categories. Group estimates were determined by aggregating the individual estimates using the geometric mean of the individual estimates for each frequency parameter (i.e., median, mean, 5th and 95th percentiles). Group variability was estimated by calculating 95% confidence bounds for each of the group frequency parameters. A number of sensitivity analyses were conducted to examine the effects on the quantitative results from variation of the assumptions, structure and techniques of the baseline analysis procedure.

Solicitation of Comments: The NRC seeks comments on the report and is especially interested in comments on the following questions:

1. Is the structure of the expert elicitation process appropriate for the stated problem and goals of the study?
2. Are the assumptions and methodology of the analysis framework used to process the panel responses appropriate and reasonable? Are they consistent with the type of information provided by the expert panel and the goals of the study?
3. Is the geometric mean aggregation methodology appropriate for the panel

responses and the study goals? Should other aggregation methodologies be considered and what are their advantages and disadvantages?

*Comment Period:* The NRC will consider all written comments received before November 30, 2005. To facilitate the comment process the NRC will conduct a workshop on October 31, 2005, to be held in room O4B6 at NRC Headquarters, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. In the workshop, the staff will provide an overview of the report and address clarification of items identified by the public. A preliminary agenda is attached. A separate notice will be published in the **Federal Register** announcing the public workshop. Comments received after November 30, 2005, will be considered if time permits. Comments should be addressed to the contact listed below.

*Availability:* An electronic version of the report and the accompanying experts' raw data files, are available electronically at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1829/> and through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From the latter site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this notice are:

Document title	ADAMS accession No.	File format
NUREG-1829 .....	ML051520574	Adobe Acrobat Document.
BWR Non-piping Raw Data for NUREG-1829 .....	ML051580341	Microsoft Excel Worksheet.
BWR Piping Raw Data for NUREG-1829 .....	ML051580344	Microsoft Excel Worksheet.
PWR Non-piping Raw Data for NUREG-1829 .....	ML051580346	Microsoft Excel Worksheet.
PWR Piping Raw Data for NUREG-1829 .....	ML051580347	Microsoft Excel Worksheet.

If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Charles A. Greene, Mail Stop T10E10, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, telephone (301) 415-6177,

facsimile number: (301) 415-5074, e-mail [cag2@nrc.gov](mailto:cag2@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of September 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Andrea Lee,**  
*Acting Branch Chief, Materials Engineering Branch, Division of Engineering Technology, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

**Attachment—Preliminary Agenda**

*Public Workshop on Draft Report for Comment: "Estimating Loss-of-Coolant Accident (LOCA) Frequencies Through the Elicitation Process," NUREG-1829*

October 31, 2005—9 a.m.—12 p.m., Room O-4B6

Preliminary Agenda

9 a.m.—9:15 a.m.—Introduction

9:15 a.m.—9:45 a.m.—Overview of NUREG-1829

9:45 a.m.–10:15 a.m.—Discussion of clarification of items identified by the public  
 10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.—Break  
 10:30 a.m.–12 noon—Clarification of items identified by the audience  
 12 noon—Adjourn

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Extension of an Expiring Information Collection: Establishment Information Form, Wage Data Collection Form, Wage Data Collection Continuation Form DD 1918, DD 1919, and DD 1919C

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13, May 22, 1995), the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of three previously-approved information collection forms for which approval will soon expire. The Establishment Information Form, the Wage Data Collection Form, and the Wage Data Collection Continuation Form are wage survey forms developed by OPM for use by the Department of Defense to establish prevailing wage rates for Federal Wage System employees.

The Department of Defense contacts approximately 21,200 businesses annually to determine the level of wages paid by private enterprise establishments for representative jobs common to both private industry and the Federal Government. Each survey collection requires 1–4 hours of respondent burden, resulting in a total yearly burden of approximately 75,800 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606–8358, fax (202) 418–3251, or e-mail [mbtoomey@opm.gov](mailto:mbtoomey@opm.gov). Please include a mailing address with your request.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before November 3, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Send or deliver comments to:

- Donald J. Winstead, Deputy Associate Director for Pay and Performance Policy, Office of Personnel Management, Room 7H31, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415–8200; fax (202) 606–4264; or e-mail [pay-performance-policy@opm.gov](mailto:pay-performance-policy@opm.gov); and

- Brenda Aguilar, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Madeline Gonzalez, (202) 606–2838; fax (202) 606–4264; or e-mail [pay-performance-policy@opm.gov](mailto:pay-performance-policy@opm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OPM published notice of its intention to request an extension of the information collection wage survey forms in the *Federal Register* on May 24, 2005 (70 FR 29809). OPM received no comments.

Office of Personnel Management.

Linda M. Springer,  
 Director.

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B, and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Quasette Crowner, Chief, Executive Resources Group, Center for Leadership and Executive Resources Policy, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, by phone, 202–606–8046.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between August 1, 2005, and August 31, 2005. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

#### Schedule A

No Schedule A appointments were approved for August 2005.

#### Schedule B

No Schedule B appointments were approved for August 2005.

#### Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during August 2005:

*Section 213.3303 Executive Office of the President*

Council on Environmental Quality  
 EQGS00018 Associate Director for Congressional Affairs to the Chairman (Council on Environmental Quality). Effective August 25, 2005.

Office of Management and Budget

BOGS00041 Deputy Press Secretary to the Associate Director, Strategic Planning and Communications. Effective August 02, 2005.

Office of Science and Technology Policy

TSGS60037 Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff. Effective August 23, 2005.

TSGS60034 Public Affairs Specialist to the Chief of Staff and General Counsel. Effective August 25, 2005.

*Section 213.3304 Department of State*

DSGS60981 Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and Security Affairs. Effective August 05, 2005.

DSGS60986 Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs. Effective August 12, 2005.

*Section 213.3305 Department of the Treasury*

DYGS60414 Executive Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury. Effective August 05, 2005.

DYGS00461 Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary (Tax Policy). Effective August 23, 2005.

*Section 213.3306 Department of the Defense*

DDGS16886 Public Affairs Specialist to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. Effective August 10, 2005.

DDGS16887 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics). Effective August 30, 2005.

*Section 213.3307 Department of the Army*

DWGS60082 Personal Confidential Assistant to the Under Secretary of the Army. Effective August 12, 2005.

*Section 213.3310 Department of Justice*

DJGS00251 Director of Advance to the Chief of Staff. Effective August 05, 2005.

DJGS00339 Special Assistant to the Attorney General. Effective August 05, 2005.

DJGS00370 Confidential Assistant to the Attorney General. Effective August 05, 2005.