

Distributed Terascale Facility (DTF)  
Proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Proposals in the Advanced Computational Infrastructure Program as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and are personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: April 17, 2001.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems (1205).

*Date/Time:* April 26-27, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* NSF, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Priscilla P. Nelson, Division of Civil and Mechanical Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 292-8360.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate proposals as a part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under (4) and (6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

*Reason For Late Notice:* Conflicting schedules of members and the necessity to proceed with review of proposals.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended) the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Engineering (#1170).

*Date/Time:* May 9, 2001/8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. May 10, 2001/8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA Room 1235.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Elbert L. Marsh, Deputy Assistant Director for Engineering, National Science Foundation, Suite 505, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 292-4609. If you are attending the meeting and need access to the NSF building, please contact Maxine Byrd at 703-292-4601 or at [mybrd@nsf.gov](mailto:mybrd@nsf.gov) so that your name can be added to the building access list.

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

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to Engineering programs and activities.

*Agenda:* The principal focus of the forthcoming meeting will be on strategic issues, both for the Directorate and the Foundation as a whole.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for Small Business Industrial Innovation; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Advisory Committee for Small Business Industrial Innovation (61).

*Date/Time:* May 7-8, 2001, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

*Place:* Room 580, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Joseph Hennessey, Acting Director, Industrial Innovation, (703) 292-8330, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To carry out Committee of Visitors (COV) review, including programs evaluation, GPRA

assessments, and access to privileged materials.

*Agenda:* To review the integrity and efficiency of the merit review processes and effectiveness of the programs and quality of the results of the program in the form of outputs and outcomes over time, and to evaluate the results in terms of outputs and outcomes of the program investments, as well as observations and conclusions made during the immediately preceding three fiscal years of the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR)/Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Programs.

*Reason For Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters that are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 522b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 4, "Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Commission Programs."

3. *The form number if applicable:* None.

4. *How often the collection is required:* Occasionally.

5. *Who is required or asked to report:* Recipients of Federal Financial Assistance (Agreement States) provided by the NRC.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 128.

7. *The number of annual respondents:* Approximately 32.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 352 hours (96

hours reporting and 256 hours recordkeeping) or approximately 3 hours per response.

9. *An indication of whether section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* Recipients of NRC financial assistance provide data to demonstrate assurance to NRC that they are in compliance with nondiscrimination regulations and policies.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1F23, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by June 19, 2001. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

*OMB Reviewer:* Amy Farrell, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0053), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-7318.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of April 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

*NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-73]

### General Electric Company, Nuclear Test Reactor; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. R-33, issued to the General Electric Company (the licensee or GE) for operation of the General Electric Nuclear Test Reactor (NTR or the facility) located in Sunol, California.

### Environmental Assessment

#### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would renew the license for the NTR for 20 years from the date of issuance of the license amendment. The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated September 30, 1997, as supplemented on June 18, 1999, August 23, 1999, June 1, 2000, and October 5, 2000. The licensee submitted an Environmental Report for license renewal.

#### Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed to allow continued operation of the NTR beyond the current term of the license in order to continue research and development using neutrons for experimental purposes.

#### Environmental Impact of the Proposed Action

The NTR is in Building 105 within the approximately 1600 acre (6.4 square kilometers) Vallecitos Nuclear Center (VNC) near Pleasanton, California. GE owns the VNC site for nuclear research and development. GE normally leases about 1500 acres (6.1 km<sup>2</sup>) of the site for grazing and for cattle feed crops. The land surrounding the site is primarily used for agriculture and cattle raising. Building 105 has laboratories, offices and workshops and is surrounded by similar facilities in the immediate area.

On October 24, 1957, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) issued Construction Permit No. CPRR-19, to GE. This permit authorized GE to construct the NTR at its VNC site in Southern Alameda County, California. On October 31, 1957, the AEC issued Facility Operating License No. R-33, authorizing GE to operate the reactor at steady-state power levels up to 30 kW(t). The reactor first reached criticality on November 15, 1957. On July 22, 1969, the license was amended authorizing GE to operate the reactor at steady-state power levels not in excess of 100 kW(t), and renewing the license. The facility license was renewed again on December 28, 1984, with an expiration date of October 31, 1997. The licensee applied for renewal on September 30, 1997, and, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.109, the license remains in effect. At each renewal, the facility description, organization and safety evaluation were updated. The reactor has operated about 139 megawatt-days for the first 39 years since initial licensing (Safety Analysis Report (SAR) section 4.4.1). Facility modifications have been minor. The licensee has not indicated any plans to change the design or usage significantly.

The radioactive releases from the NTR have been well within regulatory limits of 10 CFR Part 20. The facility typically has 1 liter per year of radioactive liquid waste (SAR section 11.1.1.2) that is due to sampling. This liquid waste is transferred to monitored tanks. Solid radioactive releases are estimated to be less than 3 cubic feet or 0.085 cubic meters per year (SAR section 11.1.1.3). The radioactive content of this waste is measured in the millicurie or 10<sup>8</sup> becquerels range. Solid waste is transferred to separate State and NRC licenses held by the GE. Liquid and solid radioactive material has been transferred and disposed of in accordance with the requirements of the licensee's byproduct license. Any necessary releases will be similarly treated. Currently, the licensee has no plans to change any operating or radioactive release practices or characteristics of the reactor during the license renewal period.

The NRC concludes that conditions are not expected to change and that the radiological effects of the continued operation will continue to be minimal. The radiological exposures for facility operations have been and are expected to remain within regulatory limits.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase to occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect non radiological facility effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

In addition, the environmental impact associated with operation of research reactors has been generically evaluated by the staff and is discussed in the attached generic evaluation. This evaluation concludes that no significant environmental impact is associated with the operation of research reactors licensed to operate at power levels up to and including 2 megawatts thermal. The NRC staff has determined that this generic evaluation is applicable to operation of the NTR and that there are no special or unique features that would preclude reliance on the generic evaluation.