

and considered as described in Appendix E of the environmental document and include comments from the Australian Antarctic Division, German Federal Environmental Agency, Antarctica New Zealand, and Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM)/ Council on Environmental Protection (CEP). The National Science Foundation has made the Final EIS/CEE for the operation of a high-energy neutrino telescope (Project IceCube) at the South Pole available on the Internet at: [http://www.nsf.gov/od/opp/antarct/treaty/cees/icecube/pdf/icecube\\_final\\_cee.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/od/opp/antarct/treaty/cees/icecube/pdf/icecube_final_cee.pdf).

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-131]

### Notice and Solicitation of Comments Pursuant to 10 CFR 20.1405 and 10 CFR 50.82(b)(5) Concerning Proposed Action to Decommission Department of Veterans Affairs Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System Alan J. Blotcky Reactor Facility

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has received an application from the Department of Veterans Affairs, Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System dated September 21, 2004, for a license amendment approving its proposed decommissioning plan for the Alan J. Blotcky Reactor Facility (Facility License No. R-57) located in Omaha, Nebraska.

In accordance with 10 CFR 20.1405, the Commission is providing notice and soliciting comments from local and State governments in the vicinity of the site and any Indian Nation or other indigenous people that have treaty or statutory rights that could be affected by the decommissioning. This notice and solicitation of comments is published pursuant to 10 CFR 20.1405, which provides for publication in the **Federal Register** and in a forum, such as local newspapers, letters to State or local organizations, or other appropriate forum, that is readily accessible to individuals in the vicinity of the site.

Comments should be provided within 30 days of the date of this notice to Patrick M. Madden, Chief, Research and Test Reactors Section, New, Research and Test Reactors Program, Division of

Regulatory Improvement Programs, Mail Stop O12-G13, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Further, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.82(b)(5), notice is also provided to interested persons of the Commission's intent to approve the plan by amendment, subject to such conditions and limitations as it deems appropriate and necessary, if the plan demonstrates that decommissioning will be performed in accordance with the regulations in this chapter and will not be inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

A copy of the application (Accession Number ML042740512) is available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at (the Public Electronic Reading Room) <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of January, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Patrick M. Madden,**

*Section Chief, Research and Test Reactors Section, New, Research and Test Reactors Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on January 27-28, 2005, Room T-2B3, 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 ACRS, 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:

*Thursday, January 27, 2005—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

The Subcommittee will discuss ACRS business processes, anticipated workload, potential areas for improved

effectiveness, ACRS subcommittee structure, and other activities related to the conduct of ACRS business. It will also discuss issues related to power uprates.

*Friday, January 28, 2005—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

The Subcommittee will continue to discuss ACRS business processes, anticipated workload, and other activities related to the conduct of ACRS business. It will also discuss certain proactive committee initiatives.

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, Dr. John T. Larkins (telephone: (301) 415-7360) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET) 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 in the agenda.

Dated: January 11, 2005.

**John H. Flack,**

*Acting Branch Chief, ACRS/ACNW.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal will hold a meeting on February 9, 2005, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Wednesday, February 9, 2005—1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.*

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the License Renewal Application and associated Safety Evaluation Report (SER) with Open Items related to the License Renewal of