

Plants," Section 76.87, "Technical Safety Requirements," states that the technical safety requirements should reference procedures and equipment that are applicable to criticality prevention.

The NRC initially issued Regulatory Guide 3.71 in 1998 to provide guidance concerning procedures that the staff considered acceptable for complying with these portions of the NRC's regulations. Toward that end, the original guide endorsed specific nuclear criticality safety standards developed by the American Nuclear Society's Standards Subcommittee 8 (ANS-8), "Operations with Fissionable Materials Outside Reactors." Those national standards provide guidance, criteria, and best practices for use in preventing and mitigating criticality accidents during operations that involve handling, processing, storing, and/or transporting special nuclear material at fuel and material facilities. The original guide also took exceptions to certain portions of individual ANS-8 standards. In addition, the original guide consolidated and replaced a number of earlier NRC regulatory guides, thereby providing all of the relevant guidance in a single document.

Since that time, several ANS-8 nuclear criticality safety standards have been added, reaffirmed, revised, or withdrawn. Consequently, the NRC staff has decided to update this guide to clarify which standards the agency endorses and to clearly state exceptions to individual standards. This proposed revision does not change any of the guidance provided in Regulatory Guide 3.71; rather, it provides guidance concerning changes that have occurred since the NRC published the original guide in 1998.

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Comments would be most helpful if received by June 20, 2005. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Railroad Retirement Board will hold a meeting on May 18, 2005, 10 a.m., at the Board's meeting room on the 8th floor of its headquarters building, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. The agenda for this meeting follows:

(1) Vacancy Announcement No. 05-23—Information Assurance Analyst Position in the Bureau of Information Services, Information Resources Management Center.

(2) Discussion on the Hiring Plan, Considering All Positions (Field Service and Others).

The entire meeting will be open to the public. The person to contact for more information is Beatrice Ezerski, Secretary to the Board, Phone No. (312) 751-4920.

Dated: May 9, 2005.

**Beatrice Ezerski,**

*Secretary to the Board.*

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May 5, 2005.

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