

Briefing on Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting), (Contact: Miriam Cohen, 301 415-0260).

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

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

Thursday, March 8, 2007.

10 a.m.

Briefing on Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting), (Contact: Gene Peters, 301 415-5248).

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

Briefing on Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: Reginald Mitchell, 301 415-1275).

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

Week of March 12, 2007—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of March 12, 2007.

Week of March 19, 2007—Tentative

Tuesday, March 20, 2007

1:30 p.m.

Briefing on Office of Information Services (OIS) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: Edward Baker, 301 415-8700).

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

Week of March 26, 2007—Tentative

Wednesday, March 28, 2007

10 a.m.

Discussion of Security Issues
(Closed—Ex. 1, 2, & 3) (Tentative).

Thursday, March 29, 2007.

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management (FSME) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Tentative).

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

1:30 p.m.

Discussion of Security Issues
(Closed—Ex. 1, 3, & 9).

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Dated: February 15, 2007.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Board Panel Meeting

March 14, 2007—Berkeley, California; The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's Panel on Postclosure Performance will meet to discuss U.S. Department of Energy studies related to infiltration at Yucca Mountain in Nevada.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will meet in Berkeley, California, on Wednesday, March 14, 2007. The meeting agenda will focus on the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) infiltration estimates for the proposed repository site for spent

nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. The Board will review the results of new infiltration studies undertaken by DOE. DOE conducted the new studies because of quality assurance questions that were raised about DOE's previous infiltration analyses. Information from the meeting will be used by the Board to evaluate effects of the new analyses on the technical validity of DOE infiltration estimates. The Board is charged by Congress with reviewing the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by DOE related to nuclear waste disposal, as stipulated in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987.

The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel & Executive Meeting Center, 200 Marina Blvd.; Berkeley, CA 94710; *tel:* 510-548-7920; *fax:* 510-548-7944. A block of rooms has been reserved at the hotel for meeting participants. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. Reservations should be made by February 23, 2007, to ensure receiving the meeting rate.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and to conclude at approximately 6 p.m. Presentations will be made by technical and scientific investigators from the University of Nevada-Reno, the U.S. Geological Survey, and DOE and its contractors.

Time will be set aside at the end of the meeting for public comments. Those wanting to speak are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record. Interested parties also will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing to the Board. Questions submitted by meeting attendees that are relevant to the discussion may be posed by Board members, as time permits.

A final agenda detailing meeting times, topics, and participants is available on the Board's Web site, <http://www.nwtrb.gov>. Copies of the meeting agenda also can be requested by telephone.

Transcripts of the meetings will be available on the Board's Web site, by e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board's staff, beginning on April 9, 2007.

For more information, please contact Karyn Severson, NWTRB External Affairs, 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22202; *tel:* 703-235-4473; *fax:* 703-235-4495; severson@nwtrb.gov.

Dated: February 13, 2007.

C.W. Di Bella,

Acting Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/DS-358]

WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding China—Certain Measures Granting Refunds, Reductions or Exemptions From Taxes and Other Payments

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that on February 2, 2007, in accordance with the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO Agreement), the United States requested consultations regarding certain measures granting refunds, reductions or exemptions from taxes and other payments owed to the government by enterprises in China. That request may be found at <http://www.wto.org> contained in a document designated as WT/DS358/1. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the consultations, comments should be submitted on or before March 12, 2006 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to FR0507@ustr.eop.gov, with “China Prohibited Subsidies (DS358)” in the subject line, or (ii) by fax, to Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-3640, with a confirmation copy sent electronically to the electronic mail address above, in accordance with the requirements for submission set out below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Arun Venkataraman, Associate General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC (202) 395-5694.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 127(b) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA) (19 U.S.C. 3537(b)(1)) requires that notice and opportunity for comment be provided after the United States submits or receives a request for the establishment of a WTO dispute settlement panel. In

an effort to provide additional opportunity for comment, USTR is providing notice that consultations have been requested pursuant to the WTO Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes (“DSU”). If such consultations should fail to resolve the matter and a dispute settlement panel is established pursuant to the DSU, such panel, which would hold its meetings in Geneva, Switzerland, would be expected to issue a report on its findings and recommendations within six to nine months after it is established.

Major Issues Raised by the United States

On February 2, 2007, the United States requested consultations with China regarding certain measures granting refunds, reductions or exemptions from taxes and other payments owed to the government by enterprises in China. These measures include the following, as well as any amendments and related or implementing measures:

1. Circular of the State Administration of Taxation Concerning Transmitting the Interim Measure for the Administration of Tax Refunds to Enterprises with Foreign Investment for Their Domestic Equipment Purchases;

2. Circular of the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Taxation Concerning the Issue of Tax Credit for Business Income Tax for Homemade Equipment Purchased by Enterprises with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises, read in conjunction with Circular of the State Administration of Taxation on Printing and Distributing the Measures Concerning Business Income Tax Credit on the Investment of Enterprises with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises by Way of Purchasing Homemade Equipment;

3. Circular on Distribution of Interim Measures Concerning Reduction and Exemption of Enterprise Income Tax for Investment in Domestically Made Equipment for Technological Renovation;

4. Articles 75(7) and 75(8) of the Rules for Implementation of the Income Tax Law of the People’s Republic of China on Enterprises with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises, read in conjunction with Articles 8 and 9 of the Provisions of the State Council on the Encouragement of Foreign Investment and Articles 6 and 8 of the Income Tax Law of the People’s Republic of China on Enterprises with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises;

5. Article 73(6) of the Rules for Implementation of the Income Tax Law

of the People’s Republic of China on Enterprises with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises, read in conjunction with Articles 6 and 7 of the Income Tax Law of the People’s Republic of China on Enterprises with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises and Section XIII of the Catalogue for the Guidance of Foreign Investment Industries;

6. Article 81 of the Rules for Implementation of the Income Tax Law of the People’s Republic of China on Enterprises with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises, read in conjunction with Articles 6 and 10 of the Income Tax Law of the People’s Republic of China on Enterprises with Foreign Investment and Foreign Enterprises and Article 10 of the Provisions of the State Council on the Encouragement of Foreign Investment;

7. Article 3 of the Provisions of the State Council on the Encouragement of Foreign Investment;

8. Articles 3 and 6 of the Circular of the People’s Bank of China, the State Administration of Foreign Exchange, the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation and the State Administration of Taxation Concerning Printing and Distribution Detailed Rules on Rewarding and Punishment Concerning Provisional Regulations over Examination of Export Collections of Foreign Exchange;

9. Circular of the State Council Concerning the Adjustment in the Taxation Policy of Imported Equipment, read in conjunction with and Section XIII of the Catalogue for the Guidance of Foreign Investment Industries;

The above laws and regulations of China appear to constitute subsidies prohibited under WTO rules. Specifically, the first three items above appear to be import substitution subsidies, conditioning income tax and value-added tax refunds on the recipient’s purchase of domestic over imported goods. The last six items appear to be export subsidies, to the extent that they offer refunds, reductions or exemptions from taxes and other payments owed to the government, on the condition that the beneficiary enterprises meet certain export performance criteria.

Furthermore, by conditioning financial incentives on an enterprise’s purchase of domestic over imported equipment, the three import substitution subsidies also appear to treat imported products less favorably than domestic products.

USTR believes these measures are inconsistent with China’s obligations under Article 3 of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures, Article III of the General Agreement on