

changed within the CSBF Operations Area due to the small increase in trips to be conducted by recovery vehicles and tracking planes used during the balloon and payload/parachute descent. Overall, no measureable change in air emissions would be anticipated.

Socioeconomics: Fort Sumner Village would experience a short-term positive economic impact each year during balloon campaigns at CSBF Fort Sumner from the purchase of food, supplies, and lodging by CSBF staff and research scientists and students. An adequate supply of restaurants and lodging accommodations exists to meet the needs of the CSBF staff and research scientists/students. The City of Palestine currently experiences positive economic impacts from CSBF activities. Under this proposal, balloon launches from Palestine would not increase; therefore, no change in socioeconomic impacts would be anticipated.

Land Use: CSBF currently avoids SULMAs and would continue this practice under the Proposed Action. The CSBF Operations Area spans portions of six States; the chances of a balloon/payload landing in the same location are unlikely. Recovery operations are often complete within 24 hours after landing has occurred. Should a balloon/payload land within a SULMA, or on private land, the land manager/landowner would be contacted prior to the CSBF recovery team accessing the site. If required, CSBF would obtain a permit or authorization to retrieve the balloon/payload. Overall, no adverse impact to land use would be expected.

Biological Resources: Minor adverse impacts to biological resources are anticipated under the Proposed Action. CSBF would continue to avoid known critical habitats and wetlands. If unplanned circumstances resulted in the need to land a payload within a designated Critical Habitat, CSBF would initiate contact with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine the best method for payload recovery, with the least amount of environmental impact.

Cultural Resources: Increased balloon operations would constitute an increased probability for adverse effects to cultural resources from balloon/payload landing and recovery activities; however, the probability for impacting culturally significant resources would be extremely low. Predictive modeling used by CSBF for balloon/payload landing would continue to be used for avoidance of all known culturally significant areas. If unplanned circumstances resulted in the need to land a payload within a culturally sensitive area, CSBF would initiate contact with the responsible State or

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer to determine the best method for payload recovery, with the least amount of impact.

Hazardous Materials and Systems: Strict operational control measures are followed when hazardous materials are used during balloon staging and operations. Should a release of any hazardous material occur during payload landing/recovery operations, CSBF staff would implement NASA-approved procedures for clean up in accordance with applicable Federal and State regulations. Accordingly, impacts to personnel or the environment would not be expected.

Transportation: Transportation or traffic issues are minimal in the regions surrounding the CSBF launch sites. Vehicles used in recovery operations would not impact transportation systems across the CSBF Operations Area. As such, no adverse impacts to transportation resources in the region surrounding the CSBF launch sites or within the Operations Area are anticipated.

Cumulative Effects: Cumulative impacts were evaluated for potentially affected resources. No cumulative impacts are anticipated from implementation of the Proposed Action. No other known or foreseeable actions would be anticipated to affect resource areas impacted by CSBF balloon launch, flight, termination, or recovery activities.

Conclusion: NASA has identified no other issues of potential environmental concern. Based on the findings in the final PEA for the NASA Scientific Balloon Program, and review of underlying reference documents, NASA has determined that the environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action will not individually or cumulatively have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be required.

Dated: December 7, 2010.

Edward J. Weiler,

Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Thursday,
December 16, 2010.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Final Rule—Parts 701, 708a and 708b of NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Mergers and Conversions of Insured Credit Unions, Fiduciary Duties and Indemnification of Directors.

2. Final Rule—Section 701.34 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Low-Income Definition.

3. Proposed Rule—Section 701.34 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Member Survey Sample Data to Meet Low-Income Designation.

4. Proposed Rule—Part 740 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Accuracy of Advertising and Notice of Insured Status.

5. Proposed Rule—Part 745 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Share Insurance, Non-interest-bearing Transaction Accounts.

6. Tri-State Federal Credit Union's Appeal of Region II's Denial of its Field of Membership Expansion Request.

7. Central Liquidity Facility Change in Overhead Reimbursement Methodology.

8. Insurance Fund Report.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Board Secretary.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Arts Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that nine meetings of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506 as follows (ending times are approximate):

State and Regional/Arts Education (review of State Arts Agency Partnership Agreements): January 5-6, 2011 in Room 716. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on January 5th and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on January 6th, will be open.

Arts Education (application review): January 6, 2011 in Room 716. This meeting, from 1:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., will be closed.

Media Arts (application review): January 11-13, 2011 in Room 730. This

meeting, from 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. on January 11th, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on January 12th, and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 13th, will be closed.

Folk & Traditional Arts (review of nominations): January 11–14, 2011 in Room 716. A portion of this meeting, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on January 14th, will be open to the public for policy discussion. The remainder of the meeting, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on January 11th, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on January 12th–13th, and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on January 14th, will be closed.

State and Regional (review of State Arts Agency Partnership Agreements): January 19–20, 2011 in Room 716. This meeting, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on January 19th and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on January 20th, will be open.

State and Regional (review of Regional Partnership Agreements): January 20, 2011 in Room 716. This meeting, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., will be open.

State and Regional/Folk and Traditional Arts (review of State Arts Agency Partnership Agreements): January 21, 2011 in Room 716. This meeting, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., will be open.

Music (review of nominations): January 25, 2011, by teleconference. This meeting, from 3 p.m. to 3:55 p.m., will be closed.

Music (review of nominations): January 25, 2011, by teleconference. This meeting, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., will be closed.

The closed portions of meetings are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of November 10, 2009, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels that are open to the public, and if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman. If you need any accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682–5532, TDY–TDD 202/682–5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to these meetings can be obtained from Ms.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682–5691.

Dated: December 8, 2010.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations,
National Endowment for the Arts.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 70–1257; License No.: SNM–1227; EA–10–041; NRC–2010–0384]

AREVA NP, Inc.; Confirmatory Order (Effective Immediately)

I

AREVA NP, Inc. (AREVA or Licensee) is the holder of Materials License No. SNM–1227 issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to 10 CFR part 70. The license in effect at the time of the incident described below was most recently amended via Amendment 49, issued on July 9, 2007. The NRC renewed Materials License No. SNM–1227, effective April 24, 2009. The license authorizes the operation of the AREVA NP facility in accordance with the conditions specified therein. The facility is located at the AREVA site in Richland, Washington.

This Confirmatory Order is the result of an agreement reached during an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mediation session conducted on October 5, 2010.

II

On April 3, 2009, the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) began an investigation (OI Case No. 2–2009–024) at AREVA. Based on the evidence developed during its investigation, OI substantiated that an Advisory Engineer deliberately falsified United Kingdom Department for Transport (DfT) transit approval forms regarding overseas shipments of low enriched uranium. Additionally, OI determined that the Advisory Engineer deliberately failed to follow procedure for release of criticality calculations associated with the shipments. The results of the investigation, completed on December 1, 2009, were sent to AREVA in a letter dated August 10, 2010. The NRC's August 10, 2010 letter offered AREVA the opportunity to resolve the enforcement aspects of this matter through the NRC's normal enforcement process, or through ADR. In response to the NRC's offer, AREVA requested use

of the NRC ADR process to resolve the matter.

On October 5, 2010, the NRC and AREVA met in an ADR session mediated by a professional mediator, arranged through Cornell University's Institute on Conflict Resolution. ADR is a process in which a neutral mediator with no decision-making authority assists the parties in reaching an agreement to resolve any differences regarding the dispute. This confirmatory order is issued pursuant to the agreement reached during the ADR process.

III

During that ADR session, a preliminary settlement agreement was reached. The elements of the agreement consisted of the following:

1. The NRC and AREVA agreed that the two apparent violations documented in the NRC's letter of August 10, 2010, would be characterized as one violation involving the requirements of 10 CFR 71.5(a), and 49 CFR 172.204(a), associated with the transportation of Class 7 (radioactive) material, on three separate occasions. Specifically, on December 9, 2008, and on March 11 and 18, 2009, a licensee employee deliberately altered (falsified) the date stamp on three documents entitled "Approval to Transit a UK [United Kingdom] Port." Because the DfT transit approvals were falsified, the licensee failed to comply with 49 CFR 172.204(a) which requires the licensee to attest to the fact that the contents of the consignment (shipment) were in all respects in proper condition for transport according to applicable international and national governmental regulations.

2. In response to the violation described above, AREVA implemented numerous corrective actions and enhancements, including but not limited to a prompt investigation into the incidents, performance of a sufficiently independent root cause analysis and corrective action review, an assessment of the actual and potential safety impact of the incidents, a thorough extent of condition review, appropriate notification of regulatory authorities, safety culture and safety conscious work environment initiatives, process changes, and numerous corrective actions and enhancements to preclude recurrence.

3. In response to the violation as described in Section III.1 above, AREVA agreed to the following actions:

a. Within 30 days of the issuance of the Confirmatory Order, AREVA will submit a Reply to a Notice of Violation, which documents its corrective actions