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Cass Sunstein,

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Arts Advisory Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Arts, National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Arts Advisory Panel to the National Council on the Arts will be held by teleconference at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20506 as follows (ending time is approximate): Media Arts (application review): March 16, 2012. This meeting, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT, will be closed.

DATES: March 16, 2012, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. EDT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 February 15, 2012, 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 Accessibility, 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.

Dated: March 2, 2012.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

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

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

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

Name: Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering (25104).

Date and Time: March 19, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. March 20, 2012, 8:30 a.m.–noon.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room Stafford II-595, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Robert Webber, Office of International Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: 703-292-7569. If you are attending the meeting and need access to the NSF, please contact the individual listed above so your name may be added to the building access list.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research, education and related activities involving the U.S. science and engineering community working in a global context, as well as strategic efforts to promote a more effective NSF role in international science and engineering.

Agenda: Review NSF international activities, and discuss and develop recommendations to transform international research and education partnerships.

Dated: March 1, 2012.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2009-0157]

General Electric-Hitachi Global Laser Enrichment, LLC, Proposed Laser-Based Uranium Enrichment Facility, Wilmington, NC

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final environmental impact statement; issuance.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission (NRC or the Commission) has published the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed General Electric-Hitachi Global Laser Enrichment, LLC (GLE) Uranium Enrichment Facility. On June 26, 2009, GLE submitted a license application that proposes the construction, operation, and decommissioning of a laser-based uranium enrichment facility (the "proposed action"). The GLE proposes to locate the facility on the existing General Electric Company (GE) site near Wilmington, North Carolina (Wilmington Site). This application is for a license to possess and use byproduct material, source material, and special nuclear material at the proposed uranium enrichment facility.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2009-0157 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document using the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>, and search for Docket ID NRC-2009-0157. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly-available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Additional information regarding accessing materials related to this action is under the Document Availability heading in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the Final EIS or the environmental review process, please contact Jennifer A. Davis, telephone: 301-415-3835; email:

Jennifer.Davis@nrc.gov. Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. For general or technical information associated with the licensing process as it relates to the GLE application, please

contact Tim Johnson, telephone: 301-492-3121; email: Timothy.Johnson@nrc.gov; Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Discussion

The GLE submitted an Environmental Report (ER) in support of the proposed facility on January 30, 2009, and its license application on June 26, 2009. On May 8, 2009, the NRC granted an exemption to authorize GLE to conduct certain preconstruction activities (*e.g.*, site preparation) on the Wilmington Site prior to the NRC's decision on whether to grant or deny a license. The GLE submitted Supplement 1 to its ER on July 22, 2009, *GLE Environmental Report Supplement 1—Early Construction*. Supplement 1 distinguishes between the environmental impacts of preconstruction activities covered by the May 8, 2009, exemption and NRC-licensed construction activities, which cannot be undertaken unless a license is granted. On November 13, 2009, GLE submitted Supplement 2 to its ER, *GLE Environmental Report Supplement 2—Revised Roadway and Entrance*. Supplement 2 provides information describing the environmental impacts associated with developing an entrance and roadway into the Wilmington Site that are different from those proposed in the original ER.

The Final EIS is being issued as part of the NRC's process to decide whether to issue a license to GLE, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) parts 30, 40, and 70, to construct and operate the proposed uranium enrichment facility. Specifically, GLE proposes to use a laser-based technology to enrich the uranium-235 isotope found in natural uranium to concentrations up to 8 percent by weight. The enriched uranium would be used to manufacture nuclear fuel for commercial nuclear power reactors. In the Final EIS, the NRC staff assessed the potential environmental impacts from the preconstruction, construction, operation, and decommissioning of the proposed GLE project.

The Final EIS was prepared in compliance with the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*, as amended (NEPA), and the NRC's regulations for implementing NEPA in 10 CFR part 51. The NRC staff assessed the impacts of the proposed action on land use, historic and cultural resources, visual and scenic resources, air quality, geology and soils, water

resources, ecological resources, noise, transportation, public and occupational health, waste management, socioeconomic, and environmental justice. Additionally, the NRC staff analyzed and compared the benefits and costs of the proposed action. In preparing this Final EIS, the NRC staff also reviewed, considered, evaluated, and addressed the public comments received on the Draft EIS.

In addition to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered a reasonable range of alternatives, including the no-action alternative. Under the no-action alternative, the NRC would deny GLE's request to construct and operate a uranium enrichment facility at the Wilmington Site. The no-action alternative serves as a baseline for comparison of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action. Other alternatives the NRC staff considered but eliminated from further analysis include: (1) Alternative sites; (2) alternative sources of enriched uranium; and (3) alternative technologies for uranium enrichment. These alternatives, except the gas centrifuge technology, were eliminated from further analysis due to economic, environmental, national security, technological maturity, or other reasons. The environmental impacts of gas centrifuge technology were qualitatively evaluated, relative to those of the proposed laser-based technology.

The Final EIS also discusses alternatives for the disposition of depleted uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) resulting from enrichment operations over the lifetime of the proposed project.

After weighing the impacts of the proposed action and comparing alternatives, the NRC staff, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.91(d), sets forth its recommendation regarding the proposed action. The NRC staff recommends that, unless safety issues mandate otherwise, the proposed license be issued to GLE. In this regard, the NRC staff has concluded that the environmental impacts of the proposed action are generally small, and taken in combination with the proposed GLE environmental monitoring program and proposed mitigation measures discussed in the Final EIS would eliminate or substantially lessen any adverse environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Document Availability

One appendix of the Final EIS contains Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI) and has been withheld from public inspection in accordance with 10 CFR 2.390,

“Availability of Public Records.” This appendix contains proprietary business information as well as security-related information. The NRC staff has considered the information in this appendix in forming the conclusions presented in the Final EIS. Procedures for obtaining access to SUNSI were previously published in the NRC's Notice of Hearing and Commission Order related to GLE's license application. *GE-Hitachi Global Laser Enrichment LLC; (GLE Commercial Facility); Notice of Receipt of Application for License; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of License; Notice of Hearing and Commission Order; and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information and Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation*, 75 FR 1819 (January 13, 2010).

Documents related to this notice are available on the NRC's GE Laser Enrichment Facility Licensing Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/materials/fuel-cycle-fac/laser.html>. The Final EIS for the proposed GLE project may also be accessed on the internet at by selecting “NUREG-1938.”

The GLE's license application, the exemption authorizing certain preconstruction activities, the GLE's Environmental Report, Supplement 1 to the Environmental Report, Supplement 2 to the Environmental Report, and Volumes 1 and 2 of the NRC's Final EIS are available in ADAMS under Accession Numbers ML091871003, ML083510647, ML090910573, ML092100577, ML093240135, ML12047A040, and ML12047A042, respectively.

A copy of the Final EIS will be available at the New Hanover County Library, 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of February, 2012.

Christopher McKenney,

Acting Deputy Director, Environmental Protection and Performance Assessment Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.

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