

Week of February 23, 2004

Wednesday, February 25, 2004

9 a.m.—Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1)

Thursday, February 26, 2004

9:30 a.m.—Meeting with UK Regulators to Discuss Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1)

1:30 p.m.—Status of Davis Besse Lessons Learned Task Force Issues (Public Meeting) (Contact: Brendan Moroney, 301-415-3974)

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

Week of March 1, 2004—Tentative

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

9:30 a.m.—Meeting with Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) and NRC Staff (Public Meeting) (Contact: Angela Williamson, 301-415-5030)

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

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

9:30 a.m.—25th Anniversary Three Mile Island (TMI) Unit 2 Accident Presentation (Public Meeting) (Location: TWFN Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike) (Contact: Sam Walker, 301-415-1965)

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

2:45 p.m.—Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1)

Thursday, March 4, 2004

1:30 p.m.—Briefing on Status of Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Programs, Performance, and Plans—Waste Safety (Public Meeting) (Contact: Claudia Seelig, 301-415-7243)

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

Week of March 8, 2004—Tentative

Tuesday, March 9, 2004

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Status of Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) Programs, Performance, and Plans—Material Safety (Public Meeting) (Contact: Claudia Seelig, 301-415-7243)

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)

Week of March 15, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of March 15, 2004.

Week of March 22, 2004—Tentative

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Status of Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: Alan Levin, 301-415-6656)

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

1:30 p.m.—Briefing on Status of Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: Jack Davis, 301-415-7256)

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

2:30 p.m.—Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1)

Wednesday, March 24, 2004

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Status of Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations (NRR) Programs, Performance, and Plans (Public Meeting) (Contact: Mike Case, 301-415-1275)

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

Week of March 29, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of March 29, 2004.

* The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 4125-1292. Contact person for more information: Dave Gamberoni, (301) 415-1651.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By a vote of 3-0 on February 18, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of (1) Maine Yankee Atomic Power Co. (Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station); State of Maine's petition for review of LBP-03-26, and (2) Duke Energy Corp. (Catawba Nuclear Station, Units 1&2); NRC Staff's Petition for interlocutory review of the LB's 1/2904 Memo & Order (Ruling on BREDL Motion for Need to Know Determination & Extension of Deadline for Filing Security-Related Contentions)" be held on February 18, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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Dated: February 19, 2004.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a revision of a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses, and data needed by the NRC staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

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(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 20th day of January, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ashok C. Thadani,

Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Grade, Director, Washington Services Branch, Center for Talent Services, Division for Human Resources Products and Services. (202) 606-5027.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedule C between January 1, 2004 and January 31, 2004. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

Schedule A

No Schedule A appointments for January 2004.

Schedule B

No Schedule B appointments for January 2004.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointments were approved for January 2004:

Section 213.3303 Executive Office of the President

Office of National Drug Control Policy

QQGS00024 Legislative Analyst to the Chief of Staff. Effective January 07, 2004.

Office of the United States Trade Representative

TNGS00016 Public Affairs Specialist to the Chief of Staff. Effective January 26, 2004.

President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

WHGS00012 Staff Assistant (Office Automation) to the Director, President's Commission on White House Fellowships. Effective January 23, 2004.

Section 213.3304 Department of State

DSGS60724 Special Assistant to the Director, Office Resource Management/Office of Foreign Buildings Operations. Effective January 05, 2004.

DSGS60728 Legislative Management Officer to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective January 05, 2004.

DSGS60729 Legislative Management Officer to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective January 05, 2004.

DSGS60722 Protocol Officer (Visits) to the Deputy Chief of Protocol. Effective January 08, 2004.

DSGS60731 Staff Assistant to the Director, Policy Planning Staff. Effective January 14, 2004.

DSGS60732 Legislative Management Officer to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective January 20, 2004.

DSGS60733 Legislative Management Officer to the Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective January 20, 2004.

DSGS60734 Public Affairs Specialist to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective January 20, 2004.

DSGS60735 Foreign Affairs Officer to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and Security Affairs. Effective January 22, 2004.

DSGS60723 Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Western Hemispheric Affairs. Effective January 23, 2004.

DSGS60743 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary. Effective January 26, 2004.

DSGS60741 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and

Security Affairs. Effective January 27, 2004.

DSGS60739 Information Technology Specialist to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Effective January 28, 2004.

DSGS60738 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Effective January 30, 2004.

Section 213.3305 Department of the Treasury

DYGS00439 Executive Secretary to the Chief of Staff. Effective January 21, 2004.

DYGS60277 Senior Writer to the Assistant Secretary (Public Affairs and Public Liaison). Effective January 21, 2004.

DYGS60404 Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Financial Institutions. Effective January 21, 2004.

Section 213.3306 Department of Defense

DDGS00788 Staff Assistant to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs). Effective January 13, 2004.

DDGS16675 Personal and Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs). Effective January 13, 2004.

DDGS16785 Staff Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Asia and Pacific). Effective January 13, 2004.

DDGS16787 Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for White House Liaison. Effective January 13, 2004.

DDGS16783 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs). Effective January 14, 2004.

DDGS26020 Special Assistant to the Inspector General. Effective January 14, 2004.

Section 213.3310 Department of Justice

DJGS00199 Special Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division. Effective January 05, 2004.

DJGS00320 Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff. Effective January 29, 2004.

Section 213.3311 Department of Homeland Security

DMGS00151 Business Liaison to the Special Assistant. Effective January 07, 2004.

DMGS00181 Speechwriting Research Assistant to the Director of Speechwriting. Effective January 09, 2004.

DMGS00183 Director of Public Liaison to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective January 13, 2004.