

OFFICE OF STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT

IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 27, 1979

1. Meeting of the Fredrickson Committee on Biological Effects of Radiation:
On July 24, 1979 the Interagency Committee on Biological Effects of Radiation, chaired by Dr. Donald Fredrickson, NIH, met in Bethesda. F. Swanberg, RES, and R. Purple and M. Parsont, SD attended.

Dr. A. Upton, NCI, presented a discussion of the current and proposed followup studies of the offsite TMI population. He presented also the report of the Subcommittee which he chairs (deliberations of which have been reported in previous weekly events). The Committee accepted the Subcommittee report with minor corrections.

Dr. Michael Parsont, SD, presented information on NRC licensee data reporting requirements and some TMI dose data. In addition he discussed the NRC/EPA Feasibility Planning Study contract as it pertains to Three Mile Island workers.

Dr. Upton was asked to prepare an additional report on the TMI worker population radiation exposure and the records thereof. This report is to include all of the informatinn provided by NRC to NIOSH on TMI data records as requested by Secretary Califano.

DOE and DOD representatives gave an overview of their programs to synthesize dose data resulting from fallout weapons testing. A CDC representative spoke on their efforts to get affected states (in Western U.S.) to set up a regional council to deal with health effects studies related to weapons testing. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea.

A draft protocol was circulated that would establish the Committee's procedures for reviewing all Federally-funded epidemiologic studies. All Committee members were asked to furnish comments.

A draft letter, from the Secretary of HEW to appropriate House Oversight Committees, reporting on the status of HEW's efforts to coordinate Federal research on the biological effects of ionizing radiation was also circulated. Committee members were asked to comment on this draft within a week.

[M. Parsont - 443-5854]

2. On July 18, 1979, the EDO signed a Federal Register notice of denial of petition for rulemaking, PRM 7-1, that will be published in the near future. The petition requested the Commission to form a review board made up of responsible members of industry to review all pertinent regulations and to clarify the positions of the industry prior to issuance of all new regulations. By letter dated July 18, the EDO informed Walter P. Peeples, Jr., the petitioner, that PRM 7-1 was denied on the grounds that the NRC policy and procedures for direct distribution of proposed and effective amendments of NRC regulations to

licensees and other interested persons: (1) Fully satisfy the objectives in the petition; and (2) Assure that affected licensees and applicants are aware of all proposed and effective regulations of a substantive nature, without the need to form a review board as requested in the petition.

[J. Henry - 443-5946]