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SUBJECT: PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Enclosed is a Petition for Rule Making requesting NRC to amend its regulations to require that health physics personnel be certified by NRC. The enclosure includes copies of the Federal Register notice and the original petition.

If you wish to comment, please address your comments to the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing Service Branch.

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G. Wayne Kerr, Assistant Director
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ington, DC, 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

The study group will provide its final report to the Commission by November 1, 1979. For further information on the study group's mission, please call Stephen S. Ostrach, Office of the General Counsel, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (202) 634-3224.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of February, 1979.

GARY MILHOLLIN,
Chairman.

(FR Doc. 79-5889 Filed 2-27-79; 8:45 am)

[7590-01-M]

(Docket No. PRM-20-13)

VICTOR E. ANDERSON

Filing of Petition for Rulemaking

Notice is hereby given that Mr. Victor E. Anderson, 59 Baird Avenue, Paulsboro, New Jersey, has filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission a petition for rule making dated January 17, 1979 requesting the Commission to amend its regulation "Standards for Protection Against Radiation," 10 CFR Part 20, to require that Health Physics personnel be certified by the Commission.

The text of the proposed amendments to Part 20 is set out in the petition. Section 20.600 proposed by the petitioner states that:

§ 20.600 Only individuals certified by the Commission may make surveys, evaluations and decisions on matters of radiation protection. This does not preclude individuals from taking actions for their own protection. A licensee may not override the decisions of a certified Health Physicist except in cases where the Health Physicist decisions are a clear violation of Federal Regulations or will result in a clear and present danger of loss of life.

The petitioner's proposed amendments provide for the certification of Health Physicists on five levels—Trainee, Junior, Senior, Supervisor, and Master Health Physicists. The proposed amendments also provide for certification, validation, and revocation of certificates.

In support of the petition the petitioner states that: Health Physics is one of the three most important job functions performed in a facility. Operations and maintenance are important for obvious reasons. Because of the nature of radioactive materials there must be a group of individuals who are concerned with radiation safety. These persons must be familiar with all phases of the facility operation, maintenance and above all have demonstrated a sound understanding of Health Physics. This is the ideal; unfortunately in the industry this is not true. Furthermore there are no of-

ficial legal standards. Only a regulatory guide for radiation protection managers and some ANSI Standards for Techs.

The primary reason for suggesting that amendment 10 CFR 20.600 be added is to prevent management from placing pressure on Health Physics personnel to engage in bad practice. . . .

A copy of the petition for rule making is available for public inspection in the Commission's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street NW., Washington, D.C. A copy of the petition may be obtained by writing the Division of Rules and Records at the below address.

All persons who desire to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the petition for rule making should send their comments to the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch by April 30, 1979.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerald L. Hutton, Division of Rules and Records, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, telephone 301-492-7086.

Dated at Bethesda, Md., this 23rd day of February 1979.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SAMUEL J. CHILK,
Secretary of the Commission.

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PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION ON WORLD HUNGER

INTERNATIONAL POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Amended Meeting Notice

The International Policy Subcommittee meeting scheduled for February 21, 1979, was cancelled due to inclement weather. The meeting is now scheduled to be held March 7, 1979, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5141A of the General Services Administration Building, 18th and E Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. A limited number of seats are available for observers on a reservation basis. Requests for reservations should be addressed to the Presidential Commission on World Hunger, 734 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, D.C.

20006. Reservations will be honored on the basis of the earliest postmarks.

DONALD B. HARPER,

Administrative Officer, Presidential Commission on World Hunger.

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MEETING

The fourth meeting of the Presidential Commission on World Hunger will be held on Wednesday, March 14, 1979, in Conference Room B at the Pan American Health Organization, 525 23rd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at approximately 4:30 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting will be concerned with reports from the Commission's subcommittees and other business as may be required.

The meeting will be open to observation for the public to the extent space is available. Reservations are required and requests should be addressed to the Presidential Commission on World Hunger, 734 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. Reservations will be honored on the basis of the earliest postmarks.

DONALD B. HARPER,

Administrative Officer, Presidential Commission on World Hunger.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Agency for International Development

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOARD FOR INTERNATIONAL FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Meeting

Pursuant to Executive Order 11769 and the provisions of section 10(a)(2), Pub. L. 92-463, Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Joint Committee on Agricultural Development (JCAD) of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development on March 12 and 13, 1979.

The purpose of the meeting is to: discuss a proposal for a seminar on the problems of the small farmer and their relationships to Title XII programs; discuss how should the BIFAD staff allocate its time during the next coming year; review progress in development of a source book of U.S. agricultural training possibilities for foreign participants; discuss the results and implications of the review of the