

been shown to provide little or no safety benefit or to place unnecessary burden on the licensee, their removal from the TSs was justified. In most cases, relaxations previously granted to individual plants on a plant-specific basis were the result of a generic action, or of agreements reached during discussions with the Owners Groups, and have been found to be acceptable for PBNP. Generic relaxations contained in NUREG-1431 have also been reviewed by the NRC staff and have been found to be acceptable.

In summary, the proposed revisions to the CTS were found to provide control of plant operations such that reasonable assurance will be provided that the health and safety of the public will be adequately protected.

These TS changes will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed TS amendment.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed amendment involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR part 20 and does not have a potential to affect any historical sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed TS amendment.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*ie.*, the “no-action” alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the PBNP, dated May, 1972.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on June 26, 2001 the staff consulted

with the state of Wisconsin State official, Mr. Jeff Kitsemel of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's application dated November 15, 1999, as supplemented by letters dated March 15, June 15, June 19, July 28, August 17, September 14, October 19 and December 21, 2000, February 6, February 23, March 19, May 11 and June 13, 2001. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of July 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Beth Wetzel,

Senior Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate III; Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Meeting Concerning the Revision of the Oversight Program for Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facilities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NRC will hold a public meeting near Wilmington, NC to provide the local public, facility employees, citizens' groups, and local

officials with information about, and an opportunity to provide views on, how the NRC plans to revise and improve its oversight program for commercial nuclear fuel cycle facilities regulated under 10 CFR parts 40, 70, and 76. The facilities include gaseous diffusion plants, high- and low-enriched uranium fuel fabrication facilities, and a uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) production plant. These facilities possess large quantities of materials that are potentially hazardous (radioactive, toxic, or flammable) to workers, the public, or the environment. Also, some of the facilities possess information and material important to national security. One of these regulated facilities, Global Nuclear Fuel—America, is located near Wilmington.

The goal of this revision project is to have an oversight program that: (1) Provides earlier and more objective indications of facility performance in the areas of safety and national security, (2) increases stakeholder confidence in the NRC, and (3) increases regulatory effectiveness, efficiency, and realism. To this end, the NRC is striving to make the oversight program more risk-informed and performance-based. The oversight revision project is described in SECY-99-188, “Evaluation and Proposed Revision of the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facility Safety Inspection Program,” and in SECY-00-0222, “Status of Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facility Oversight Program Revision.” SECY-99-188 and SECY-00-0222, as well as other background information, are available in the Public Document Room and on the NRC Web Page at <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Purpose of Meeting: To obtain stakeholder views for improving the NRC oversight program for ensuring fuel cycle licensees and certificate holders maintain protection of worker and public health and safety, protection of the environment, and safeguards for special nuclear material and classified matter in the interest of national security. The public meeting will focus on the revisions that are being made to the program, and on how interested parties can provide input to the change process.

Date and Location: Members of the public, industry, and other stakeholders are invited to attend and participate in the meeting, which is scheduled for 10 to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 2001. The meeting will be held at the Global Nuclear Fuel—Americas, L.L.C., facility on Highway 117 North.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Castleman, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-8118, e-mail pic@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 17th day of July, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Project Manager, Inspection Section, Safety and Safeguards Support Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE: Weeks of July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2001.

PLACE: Commissioner's Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of July 23, 2001

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of July 23, 2001.

Week of July 30, 2001—Tentative

Tuesday, July 31, 2001

1:25 p.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

Week of August 6, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 6, 2001.

Week of August 13, 2001—Tentative

Tuesday, August 14, 2001

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on NRC International Activities (Public Meeting) (Contact: Elizabeth Doroshuk, 301-415-2775)

Wednesday, August 15, 2001

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on EEO Program (Public Meeting) (Contact: Irene Little, 301-415-7380)

1:25 p.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

1:30 p.m.—Meeting with Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Zabko, 301-415-1277)

Week of August 20, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 20, 2001.

Week of August 27, 2001—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 27, 2001.

* The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify

the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: David Louis Gamberoni (301) 415-1651.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

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Dated: July 18, 2001.

David Louis Gamberoni,

Technical Coordinator, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a proposed revision of a regulatory 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 evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1110 is a proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.174, "An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis." DG-1110 is being developed to provide guidance to licensees on methods acceptable to the NRC staff for assessing the nature and impact of licensing basis changes when the licensee chooses to support, or is requested by the NRC staff to support, such changes with risk information.

A proposed Revision 1 of Chapter 19, "Use of Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decisionmaking: General Guidance," of NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan

for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," is being issued for public comment as a companion document. Chapter 19 of the Standard Review Plan will be used by the NRC staff for evaluating licensee submittals that use the guidance in Regulatory Guide 1.174 on risk-informed decisionmaking that uses probabilistic risk assessment.

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on these proposed revisions. In addition, the NRC staff is considering incorporating the impact of power uprates on success and failure criteria and the appropriateness of the evaluation models into this guidance. The staff is soliciting comments on this issue and will incorporate appropriate changes to these documents based on comments received.

This draft guide and draft standard review plan chapter have not received complete staff approval and do not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. Comments will be most helpful if received by September 17, 2001.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking web site through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the ability to upload comments as files (any format) if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking web site, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; email CAG@NRC.GOV. For information about the draft guide and the related standard review plan chapter, contact Ms. M.T. Drouin at (301) 415-6675; email MXD@NRC.GOV.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Electronic copies of this draft regulatory guide are available on the NRC's web site www.nrc.gov in the Reference Library under Regulatory Guides. Electronic copies are also available in NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room at the same web site; DG-1110 is under ADAMS Accession Number ML011770102. Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 11555