

it provided an adequate demonstration that the criteria in 10 CFR 70.17(a) for granting a specific exemption from 70.24 have been met.

**Description of the Proposed Action:** The proposed action is NRC's granting an exemption from 10 CFR 70.24 for certain locations of the Kodak facility for a very short time during movement of SNM. In a letter dated October 5, 2007, Kodak requested an exemption to the criticality accident alarm system requirements of 10 CFR 70.24 for portions of the facility where SNM will be staged prior to loading onto a truck for transportation to an offsite location. Kodak possesses a critical mass of SNM that will be packaged into critically-safe transportation containers inside the facility and then moved along a corridor to a loading dock. Kodak will provide accident alarm system coverage for the area of the facility where the SNM will be packaged, but has requested an exemption for the corridor and loading dock.

**Need for the Proposed Action:** This exemption is necessary to allow Kodak to move the SNM from the location where it has been used and packaged to the loading dock without the necessity to provide criticality accident alarm system coverage. Kodak provided a criticality safety analysis that demonstrated that a criticality accident is not credible after the SNM has been packaged for transport.

**Alternatives to the Proposed Action:** An alternative to granting the exemption would be to require Kodak to provide accident alarm coverage for the corridor and loading dock. The licensee has demonstrated that the available fuel is much less than the critical mass for a 6M2R shipping container. Thus, a criticality event is not credible so long as the 6M2R containers are closed, and criticality accident alarm system coverage is not necessary.

**Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action and Alternatives:** There will be no environmental impact to granting this exemption. The alarm system required by 10 CFR 70.24 does not prevent accidental criticality; the system would reduce the dose to workers and members of the public from a criticality accident by warning them of the criticality event so that they can move away from the area. Kodak has demonstrated adequately that a criticality accident in the corridor or on the loading dock is sufficiently unlikely and that an alarm system is not needed. There will be no environmental impact from the alternative of requiring alarm coverage for the corridor and loading dock.

No environmental resources will be affected.

**Conclusion:** NRC has concluded that granting the requested exemption will have no significant impact on the environment, is in conformance with NRC regulations in 10 CFR part 70, is authorized by law, and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and is in the public interest.

### III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the amendment of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-1513. On the basis of the assessment, the Commission has concluded that environmental impacts associated with the proposed action would not be significant and do not warrant the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. Accordingly, the Commission is making a Finding of No Significant Impact.

The Environmental Assessment and the documents related to this proposed action are available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room or through the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible through the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

**Agencies and Persons Consulted:** New York State Department of Health.

### IV. Further Information

1. Eastman Kodak Company Amendment to SNM-1513, February 9, 2007, ML072200332.
2. Eastman Kodak Company Response to NRC Review Comments from License Amendment Application for Decommissioning of Kodak Californium Flux Multiplier, SNM-1513, Docket 7001703, June 18, 2007, ML071970253.
3. Eastman Kodak Company Request for exemption from 10 CFR 70.24 for License Amendment Application for Decommissioning of Kodak Californium Flux Multiplier, SNM-1513, Docket 7001703, October 5, 2007, ML072880667.
4. Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions Associated with NMSS Programs, NUREG-1748, August 2003, ML032540811.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 31st day of October, 2007.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Peter Habighorst,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Independent External Review Panel To Identify Vulnerabilities in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Materials Licensing Program: Meeting Notice

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NRC will convene a meeting of the Independent External Review Panel to Identify Vulnerabilities in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Materials Licensing Program from November 27 through November 30, 2007. A sample of agenda items to be discussed during the public session includes: (1) History of the NRC's "good faith" presumption in the licensing process; (2) pre-licensing guidance; and (3) specific, general, and import/export licensing procedures and processes. A copy of the agenda for the meeting can be obtained by e-mailing Mr. Aaron T. McCraw at the contact information below.

**Purpose:** Initiate the panel's assessment of the NRC's licensing program beginning with an examination of the NRC's "good faith" presumption and specific procedures and processes of the licensing program.

**Date and Time for Closed Sessions:** November 30, 2007, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. This session will be closed so that NRC staff and the Review Panel can discuss safeguards information and pre-decisional information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3) and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), respectively.

**Date and Time for Open Sessions:** November 27, 2007, from 2 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.; and November 28-29, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Address for Public Meeting:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North Building, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. Specific room locations will be indicated for each day on the agenda.

**Public Participation:** Any member of the public who wishes to participate in the meeting should contact Mr. McCraw using the information below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Aaron T. McCraw, e-mail: [atm@nrc.gov](mailto:atm@nrc.gov), telephone: (301) 415-1277.

**Conduct of the Meeting**

Mr. Thomas E. Hill will chair the meeting. Mr. Hill will conduct the meeting in a manner that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. The following procedures apply to public participation in the meeting:

1. Persons who wish to provide a written statement should submit an electronic copy to Mr. McCraw at the contact information listed above. All submittals must be received by November 20, 2007, and must pertain to the topics on the agenda for the meeting.

2. Questions and comments from members of the public will be permitted during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chairman.

3. The transcript and written comments will be available for inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738, telephone (800) 397-4209, on or about March 1, 2008.

4. Persons who require special services, such as those for the hearing impaired, should notify Mr. McCraw of their planned attendance.

This meeting will be held in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (primarily section 161a); the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.); and the Commission's regulations in Title 10, *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 7.

Dated: November 6, 2007.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Sunshine Federal Register Notice**

**DATES:** Weeks of November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10, 17, 2007.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

**Week of November 12, 2007**

*Wednesday, November 14, 2007—*

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste and Materials (ACNW&M) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Antonio Dias, 301 415-6805)

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

**Week of November 19, 2007—Tentative**

*Tuesday, November 20, 2007—*

9:05 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative).

- a. Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (Diablo Canyon ISFSI), Docket No. 72-26-ISFSI, San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace's Contentions and Request for a Hearing Regarding Diablo Canyon Environmental Assessment Supplement (Tentative).
- b. Dominion Nuclear North Anna, LLC (Early Site Permit for North Anna ESP Site), LBP-07-9 (June 9, 2007) (Tentative).

**Week of November 26, 2007—Tentative**

*Tuesday, November 27, 2007—*

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 3)

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Programs (Public Meeting) (Contact: Sandra Talley, 301 415-8059)

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

**Week of December 3, 2007—Tentative**

*Friday, December 7, 2007*

10 a.m. Discussion of Intragovernmental Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 9)

2 p.m. Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed—Ex. 1)

**Week of December 10, 2007—Tentative**

*Wednesday, December 12, 2007*

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2)

*Thursday, December 13, 2007*

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2)

**Week of December 17, 2007—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 17, 2007.

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\*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: Michelle Schroll, (301) 415-1662.

**Additional Information**

“Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed—Ex. 1)” previously scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. has been rescheduled on Friday, December 7, 2007, at 2 p.m.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/policy-making/schedule.html>.

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Dated: November 8, 2007.

**R. Michelle Schroll,**

*Office of the Secretary.*

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD****2008 Railroad Experience Rating Proclamations, Monthly Compensation Base and Other Determinations**

**AGENCY:** Railroad Retirement Board.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 8(c)(2) and section 12(r)(3) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (Act) (45 U.S.C. 358(c)(2) and 45 U.S.C. 362(r)(3), respectively), the Board gives notice of the following:

1. The balance to the credit of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance (RUI) Account, as of June 30, 2007, is \$119,250,233.05;
2. The September 30, 2007, balance of any new loans to the RUI Account, including accrued interest, is zero;
3. The system compensation base is \$3,522,368,374.78 as of June 30, 2007;
4. The cumulative system unallocated charge balance is (\$292,991,595.22) as of June 30, 2007;
5. The pooled credit ratio for calendar year 2008 is zero;
6. The pooled charged ratio for calendar year 2008 is zero;
7. The surcharge rate for calendar year 2008 is 1.5 percent;