

Combined License, as described in the licensee's request dated April 27, 2018, as supplemented August 13, 2018. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of License Amendment No. 145 (Unit 3) and 144, which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

3. As explained in Section 5.0 of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation (ADAMS Accession Number ML18247A407), this exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the exemption.

4. This exemption is effective as of the date of its issuance.

### III. License Amendment Request

By letter dated April 27, 2018, designated License Amendment Request (LAR) 18-015, and supplemented by letter dated August 13, 2018 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML18117A464 and ML18225A291, respectively), the licensee requested that the NRC amend the COLs for VEGP, Units 3 and 4, COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92. The proposed amendment is described in Section I of this **Federal Register** notice.

The Commission has determined for these amendments that the application complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to facility operating license or COL, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the **Federal Register** on June 19, 2018 (83 FR 28463). No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

The Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

### IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemptions and issued the amendments that SNC requested by

letter dated April 27, 2018, supplemented by letter dated August 13, 2018 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML18117A464 and ML18225A291, respectively). The exemptions and amendments were issued to the licensee on October 4, 2018, as part of a combined package (ADAMS Accession No. ML18247A399).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, on October 19, 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Jennifer L. Dixon-Herrity**,

*Chief, Licensing Branch 4, Division of Licensing, Siting, and Environmental Analysis, Office of New Reactors.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee on Future Plant Designs

The ACRS Subcommittee on Future Plant Designs will hold a meeting on October 30, 2018 at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Three White Flint North, 11601 Landsdown Street, Conference Rooms 1C3-1C5, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance. The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Tuesday, October 30, 2018—8:30 a.m. Until 5:00 p.m.*

The Subcommittee will review guidance documents developed by the Advanced Reactor Licensing Modernization Program. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with NRC staff, industry representatives, and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Derek Widmayer (Telephone 301-221-1448 or Email [Derek.Widmayer@nrc.gov](mailto:Derek.Widmayer@nrc.gov)) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this

timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. The public bridgeline number for the meeting is 866-822-3032, passcode 8272423.

Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 4, 2017 (82 FR 46312).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs>. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained from the website cited above or by contacting the identified DFO. Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

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Dated: October 18, 2018.

**Mark L. Banks**,

*Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[License No. XW019; Docket No. 11005986; NRC-2012-7946]

### Perma-Fix Northwest Richland, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Export license application; opportunity to comment, request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is reviewing an export license application (XW019),

submitted by Perma-Fix Northwest Richland, Inc. (PFNW). On August 30, 2018, PFWN filed a revised application with the NRC for a license to export radioactive waste. The revised application seeks NRC approval of a license for the export of low-level radioactive waste to Mexico. The NRC is providing notice of the opportunity to submit comments and/or to request a hearing on PFWN's revised application.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by November 23, 2018. Requests for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed by November 23, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-7946. Address questions about Docket IDs in [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: [Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Email comments to:* [hearing.docket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearing.docket@nrc.gov). If you do not receive an automatic email reply confirming receipt, then contact us at 301-415-1677.

- *Fax comments to:* Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 301-415-1101.

- *Mail comments to:* Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

- *Hand deliver comments to:* 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (Eastern Time) Federal workdays; telephone: 301-415-1677.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrea R. Jones, Office of International Programs, telephone: 404-997-4443, email: [Andrea.Jones2@nrc.gov](mailto:Andrea.Jones2@nrc.gov), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

*A. Obtaining Information*

Please refer to NRC-2012-7946 or Docket No. 11005986 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information

related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal rulemaking website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-7946.

- *NRC's public website:* Go to <http://www.nrc.gov> and search for XW019, Docket No. 11005986, Docket ID NRC-2012-7946, or ADAMS Accession No. ML18257A028.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The export license application from PFWN is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18257A028.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*B. Submitting Comments*

Please include Docket ID NRC-2012-7946 or Docket No. 11005986 in your comment submission. The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

**II. Discussion**

In accordance with 10 CFR 110.70(b) the NRC is noticing the receipt of revised export license application submitted by PFWN on September 10, 2018, for the return of Mexican-origin radioactive waste, generated at the Laguna Verde Nuclear Power Plant. The

radioactive waste was processed and treated by PFWN, located in Richland, Washington, and by Diversified Scientific Services, Inc., located in Kingston, Tennessee.<sup>1</sup> The application requests removal of previous references to IW031. The NRC is noticing the application for a license to export radioactive waste; opening the opportunity for public comment; and opening the opportunity to file a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene for a period of 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Any request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene shall be served by the requestor or petitioner upon the applicant, the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; and the Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. Hearing requests and intervention petitions must include the information specified in 10 CFR 110.82(b).

**III. Electronic Submission (E-Filing)**

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed in accordance with the NRC's E-Filing rule (72 FR 49139; August 28, 2007, as amended at 77 FR 46562; August 3, 2012). The E-Filing process requires participants to submit and serve all adjudicatory documents over the internet, or in some cases to mail copies on electronic storage media. Detailed guidance on making electronic submissions may be found in the Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC and on the NRC website at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>. Participants may not submit paper copies of their filings unless they seek an exemption in accordance with the procedures described below.

To comply with the procedural requirements of E-Filing, at least 10 days prior to the filing deadline, the participant should contact the Office of the Secretary by email at [hearing.docket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearing.docket@nrc.gov), or by telephone at 301-415-1677, to (1) request a digital identification (ID) certificate, which allows the participant (or its counsel or representative) to digitally sign submissions and access the E-Filing system for any proceeding in which it is participating; and (2) advise the Secretary that the participant will be

<sup>1</sup> The export application (XW019) replaces prior export applications that were submitted in February of 2012 and February 2013, together with an import license application (IW031) that has now been withdrawn (ADAMS Accession No. ML17354A464).

submitting a petition or other adjudicatory document (even in instances in which the participant, or its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the hearing in this proceeding if the Secretary has not already established an electronic docket.

Information about applying for a digital ID certificate is available on the NRC's public website at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/getting-started.html>. Once a participant has obtained a digital ID certificate and a docket has been created, the participant can then submit adjudicatory documents. Submissions must be in Portable Document Format (PDF). Additional guidance on PDF submissions is available on the NRC's public website at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/electronic-sub-ref-mat.html>. A filing is considered complete at the time the document is submitted through the NRC's E-Filing system. To be timely, an electronic filing must be submitted to the E-Filing system no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system time-stamps the document and sends the submitter an email notice confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email notice that provides access to the document to the NRC's Office of the General Counsel and any others who have advised the Office of the Secretary that they wish to participate in the proceeding, so that the filer need not serve the document on those participants separately. Therefore, applicants and other participants (or their counsel or representative) must

apply for and receive a digital ID certificate before adjudicatory documents are filed so that they can obtain access to the documents via the E-Filing system.

A person filing electronically using the NRC's adjudicatory E-Filing system may seek assistance by contacting the NRC's Electronic Filing Help Desk through the "Contact Us" link located on the NRC's public website at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>, by email to [MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov), or by a toll-free call at 1-866-672-7640. The NRC Electronic Filing Help Desk is available between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, excluding government holidays.

Participants who believe that they have a good cause for not submitting documents electronically must file an exemption request, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(g), with their initial paper filing stating why there is good cause for not filing electronically and requesting authorization to continue to submit documents in paper format. Such filings must be submitted by: (1) First class mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff; or (2) courier, express mail, or expedited delivery service to the Office of the Secretary, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff. Participants filing adjudicatory documents in this manner are responsible for serving the document on all other participants. Filing is considered complete by first-class mail as of the time of deposit in the mail, or

by courier, express mail, or expedited delivery service upon depositing the document with the provider of the service. A presiding officer, having granted an exemption request from using E-Filing, may require a participant or party to use E-Filing if the presiding officer subsequently determines that the reason for granting the exemption from use of E-Filing no longer exists.

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC's electronic hearing docket which is available to the public at <https://adams.nrc.gov/ehd>, unless excluded pursuant to an order of the Commission or the presiding officer. If you do not have an NRC-issued digital ID certificate as described above, click cancel when the link requests certificates and you will be automatically directed to the NRC's electronic hearing dockets where you will be able to access any publicly available documents in a particular hearing docket. Participants are requested not to include personal privacy information, such as Social Security numbers, home addresses, or personal phone numbers in their filings, unless an NRC regulation or other law requires submission of such information. For example, in some instances, individuals provide home addresses in order to demonstrate proximity to a facility or site. With respect to copyrighted works, except for limited excerpts that serve the purpose of the adjudicatory filings and would constitute a Fair Use application, participants are requested not to include copyrighted materials in their submission.

The information concerning this application for an export license amendment/renewal follows.

#### NRC EXPORT LICENSE AMENDMENT/RENEWAL APPLICATION

[Description of material]

Name of applicant, Date of application, Date received, Application No., Docket No., ADAMS accession No.	Material type	Total quantity	End use	Country of destination
Perma-Fix Northwest Richland, Inc. (PFNW), August 30, 2018, September 10, 2018, XW019, 11005986, ML18257A028.	Class A, B, and/or C radioactive waste in the form of contaminated aqueous, organic based fluids, semi-solids, solids, and other combustible and non-combustible materials which may include liquids, containing carbon-14, hydrogen-3, and other mixed fission product radionuclides. Contaminated material generated from processing imported radioactive waste may include metals, resin, liquids, and sludge.	Not to exceed total maximum quantity of 1.027 terabecquerels (TBq), or radioactive material.	Storage and ultimate disposal of radioactive waste in Mexico.	Mexico.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of October, 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**David L. Skeen,**

*Deputy Director, Office of International Programs.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal**

The ACRS Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal will hold a meeting on October 31, 2018 at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Three White Flint North, 11601 Landsdown Street, Conference Rooms 1C3-1C5, North Bethesda, MD 20852.

The meeting will be open to public attendance with the exception of portions that may be closed to protect information that is proprietary pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4). The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Wednesday October 31, 2018—8:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.*

The Subcommittee will review the NextEra Alkali Silica Reaction (ASR) study that was conducted for Seabrook, and the NRC staff response to the study. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with NRC staff and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Kent Howard (Telephone 301-415-2989 or Email: [Kent.Howard@nrc.gov](mailto:Kent.Howard@nrc.gov)) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Seventy-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting

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Dated: October 18, 2018.

**Mark L. Banks,**

*Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.*

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## **SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**[Release No. 34-84448; File No. SR-GEMX-2018-33]**

### **Self-Regulatory Organizations; Nasdaq GEMX, LLC; Notice of Filing and Immediate Effectiveness of Proposed Rule Change To Amend the Exchange's Registration, Qualification Examination and Continuing Education Rules**

October 18, 2018.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,<sup>2</sup> notice is hereby given that on October 10, 2018, Nasdaq GEMX, LLC ("GEMX" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities

and Exchange Commission ("SEC" or "Commission") the proposed rule change as described in Items I and II below, which Items have been prepared by the Exchange. The Commission is publishing this notice to solicit comments on the proposed rule change from interested persons.

#### **I. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Terms of Substance of the Proposed Rule Change**

The Exchange proposes to amend, reorganize and enhance its membership, registration and qualification rules and to make conforming changes to certain other rules.

The text of the proposed rule change is available on the Exchange's website at <http://nasdaqgemx.cchwallstreet.com/>, at the principal office of the Exchange, and at the Commission's Public Reference Room.

#### **II. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change**

In its filing with the Commission, the Exchange included statements concerning the purpose of and basis for the proposed rule change and discussed any comments it received on the proposed rule change. The text of these statements may be examined at the places specified in Item IV below. The Exchange has prepared summaries, set forth in sections A, B, and C below, of the most significant aspects of such statements.

##### *A. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement of the Purpose of, and Statutory Basis for, the Proposed Rule Change*

###### **1. Purpose**

The Exchange has adopted registration requirements to ensure that associated persons attain and maintain specified levels of competence and knowledge pertinent to their function. In general, the current rules require that persons engaged in a member's securities business who are to function as representatives or principals register with the Exchange in each category of registration appropriate to their functions by passing one or more qualification examinations<sup>3</sup> and exempt specified associated persons from the registration requirements.<sup>4</sup> They also prescribe ongoing continuing education

<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., GEMX Rule 306, Registration Requirements, Section (a)(1).

<sup>4</sup> See, e.g., GEMX Rule 306, Registration Requirements, Section (a)(2).

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

<sup>2</sup> 17 CFR 240.19b-4.