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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No.: 27-47]

Consideration of Application for Renewal of a License To Dispose of Low-Level Radioactive Waste Containing Special Nuclear Material by Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc., and Opportunity for a Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of consideration of an application for renewal of a license to dispose of low-level radioactive waste containing special nuclear material by Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc., and opportunity for a hearing.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering the renewal of License No. 12-13536-01. This license is issued to Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc. (CNSI) for the disposal of wastes containing special nuclear material (SNM) in the low-level radioactive waste (LLW) disposal facility, located near Barnwell, South Carolina. NRC licenses this facility under 10 CFR Part 70. The license renewal application was submitted on April 10, 1996.

The LLW disposal facility located near Barnwell, South Carolina, is licensed by the State of South Carolina for disposal of source and byproduct material. The NRC license allows the disposal of SNM, and acknowledges that the State's regulated activities constitute the major site activities. As a result, NRC relies extensively on the State's regulatory program to evaluate the facility and licensee's capability to demonstrate reasonable assurance that the disposal of LLW can be accomplished safely. To this end, NRC coordinates the review and assessment of the license with the State of South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. To avoid a duplicate effort, NRC has identified several areas in which it relies primarily on the State regulatory program. Areas distinct to SNM regulation are directly evaluated by NRC. Under the NRC license, several State identified license conditions are referenced. This approach ensures that NRC is aware of significant licensee activities requiring State regulatory action. Additionally,

NRC incorporates conditions in the SNM license which provide NRC the latitude to enforce the Agreement State license conditions, if NRC determines such action is necessary. Finally, the NRC license does not abrogate or diminish the authority of the State governed by its agreement under section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, with NRC, to regulate, inspect or otherwise exercise control of operations, with respect to the source and byproduct material, for disposal of that material at the LLW disposal facility at Barnwell, South Carolina.

Prior to the issuance of the proposed renewal, NRC will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report and an Environmental Assessment.

The NRC provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for a license amendment falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules and practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2. Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with § 2.1205(c). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this Federal Register notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

1. By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738; or
2. By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Attention: Docketing and Service Branch

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

1. The interest of the requester in the proceeding;
2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(g);
3. The requestor's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

4. The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(c).

In accordance with 10 CFR § 2.1205(e), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail, to:

1. The applicant, Chem-Nuclear Systems, Inc., 140 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, Attention: Mr. William B. House, and;

2. The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

For further details with respect to this action, the application for amendment request is available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC 20555.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Timothy E. Harris, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555. Telephone: (301) 415-6613. Fax: (301) 415-5398.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of May, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Robert A. Nelson,
Acting Chief, Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

To carry out the responsibilities set forth in Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on June 12-14, 1996, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the Federal Register on Monday, November 27, 1995 (60 FR 58393).

Wednesday, June 12, 1996

1:00 P.M.-1:15 P.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting and comment briefly regarding items of current interest. During this session, the Committee will discuss priorities for preparation of ACRS reports.

1:15 P.M.-2:45 P.M.: Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1047, "Standard Format and Content for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses" (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the draft Regulatory Guide, DG-1047.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

2:45 P.M.-3:45 P.M.: IPE Insights Report (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and its contractors regarding the Individual Plant Examination (IPE) Insights Report.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

4:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.: Loss of Offsite Power at Catawba, Unit 2 (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the findings and recommendations of the NRC Special Inspection Team which investigated the loss of offsite power event that occurred on February 6, 1996 at the Catawba Nuclear Plant, Unit 2.

Representatives of the licensee will participate, as appropriate.

5:00 P.M.-5:30 P.M.: Future ACRS Activities (Open)—The Committee will discuss recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings.

5:30 P.M.-6:15 P.M.: Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, and organizational and personnel matters relating to the ACRS staff.

A portion of this session may be closed to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee, and matters the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

6:15 P.M.-7:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting as well as a proposed ACRS report on Severe Accident Research.

Thursday, June 13, 1996

8:30 A.M.-8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make

opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting.

8:35 A.M.-9:30 A.M.: Issues Associated with Steam Generators (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding issues associated with steam generators. Also, briefing by and discussions with representatives of the Nuclear Energy Institute regarding the MAAP Code.

Representatives of other interested parties will participate, as appropriate.

9:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M.: Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Unit 3 (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the licensee (Tennessee Valley Authority) and the NRC staff regarding issues that led to the shutdown of Browns Ferry Unit 3, and the corrective actions taken by the licensee prior to restart.

11:15 A.M.-11:30 A.M.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)—The Committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports, including the EDO response to the April 22, 1996 ACRS report on Proposed Revisions to 10 CFR Parts 50 and 100 and Proposed Regulatory Guides Relating to Reactor Site Criteria.

12:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting as well as a proposed ACRS report on Severe Accident Research.

Friday, June 14, 1996

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: Health Effects of Low-Levels of Ionizing Radiation (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, Health Physics Society, and invited experts regarding the health effects of low-levels of ionizing radiation.

Representatives of the nuclear industry and other interested parties will participate, as appropriate.

10:15 A.M.-11:45 A.M.: NRC Policy Regarding the Use of Potassium Iodide after a Severe Accident (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the NRC policy associated

with the use of potassium iodide after a severe accident and the potential risk associated with the use of potassium iodide.

Representatives of the nuclear industry will participate, as appropriate.

12:45 P.M.-6:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting as well as a proposed ACRS report on Severe Accident Research.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the Federal Register on September 27, 1995 (60 FR 49925). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch, at least five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman.

Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch prior to the meeting. 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 the Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) P.L. 92-463, I have determined that it is necessary to close portions of this meeting noted above to discuss matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), and to discuss matters the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch (telephone 301/415-7364), between 7:30 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. EDT.

ACRS meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672; the local direct dial number is 703-321-3339.

The 433rd ACRS meeting will be held on August 8-10, 1996.

Dated: May 29, 1996.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of June 3, 10, 17, and 24, 1996.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of June 3

Thursday, June 6

3:30 p.m.—Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING) (if needed)

Week of June 10—Tentative

Wednesday, June 12

3:00 p.m.—Briefing on Part 100 Final Rule on Reactor Site Criteria (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: Charles Ader, 301-415-5622)

4:30 p.m.—Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING) (if needed)

Week of June 17—Tentative

Tuesday, June 18

10:00 a.m.—Briefing on Status of NRC Operator Licensing Initial Examination Pilot Process (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: Stuart Richards, 301-415-1031)

11:30 a.m.—Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING) (if needed)

Week of June 24—Tentative

Tuesday, June 25

10:00 a.m.—Briefing on Operating Reactors and Fuel Facilities (PUBLIC MEETING)

Wednesday, June 26

11:30 a.m.—Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING) (if needed)

2:30 p.m.—Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (PUBLIC MEETING)

* 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: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

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longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555 (301-415-1963).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to alb@nrc.gov or gkt@nrc.gov.

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William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Paige, (202) 606-0830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR part 213 on May 3, 1996 (61 FR 19963). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C during the period, April 1, 1996, through April 31, 1996, appear in the listing below. An established Schedule B authority not previously recorded for March 1996 is also listed below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established in April 1996.

The following Schedule A authorities were revoked:

National Labor Relations Board

Election Examiners for temporary, part-time, or intermittent employment in connection with elections under the Labor-Management Relations Act. Effective April 15, 1996.

Office of Personnel Management

Not to exceed 500 positions in Federal Job Information Centers, to be filled under the community Outreach Information Network Program. Effective April 11, 1996.

Department of State

International Boundary Commission, U.S. and Canada

Temporary and intermittent field employees such as instrumentmen, foremen, recorders, packers, cooks, and axemen, for not to exceed 180 working days within any 1 calendar year. Effective April 15, 1996.

Department of Transportation

U.S. Coast Guard

Not to exceed 25 positions of Marine Traffic Controllers (Pilot), at grade GS-11 and below for temporary, intermittent, or seasonal employment in the State of Louisiana. Effective April 26, 1996.

Federal Highway Administration

Temporary, intermittent, or seasonal employment in the field service of the Federal Highway Administration at grades not higher than GS-5 for subprofessional engineering aide work on highway surveys and construction projects. Effective April 26, 1996.

Schedule B

One Schedule B authority was established:

Department of Veterans Affairs

Not to exceed 25 Criminal Investigator (Undercover) positions, GS 1811, in grades 5 through 12, conducting undercover investigations in the Veterans Health Administration supervised by the VA, Office of Inspector General. Initial appointments shall be greater than 1 year, but not exceed 4 years and may be extended indefinitely in 1-year increments. Effective March 28, 1996.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established in April 1996:

Department of Agriculture

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service. Effective April 10, 1996.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. Effective April 18, 1996.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Food and Safety Inspection Service. Effective April 24, 1996.