

specifically explain the reasons why review of the Decision should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The interest of the petitioner; (2) how that interest may be affected by the Decision, including the reasons why the petitioner should be permitted a review of the Decision; and (3) the petitioner's areas of concern about the activity that is the subject matter of the Decision. Any person described in this paragraph (USEC or any person who filed a petition) may file a response to any petition for review, not to exceed 30 pages, within 10 days after filing of the petition. If no petition is received within the designated 15-day period, the Director will issue the final amendment to the Certificate of Compliance without further delay. If a petition for review is received, the decision on the amendment application will become final in 60 days, unless the Commission grants the petition for review or otherwise acts within 60 days after publication of this **Federal Register** notice.

A petition for review must be filed with the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment and (2) the Commission's Compliance Evaluation Report. These items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the Local Public Document Room.

Date of amendment request: June 16, 1997.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment proposes to revise the Technical Safety Requirement (TSR) for the Nuclear Criticality Safety Program by adding a new program element.

Basis for Finding of No Significance

1. The proposed amendment will not result in a change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

The proposed change involves revision of the Nuclear Criticality Safety Program TSR to add a new program element on identification of safety structures, systems and components (SSCs) required to meet the double contingency. Because there are no effluent release associated with this

change, the proposed changes will not affect the effluent.

2. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

The proposed changes do not relate to controls used to minimize occupational radiation exposures, therefore, the changes will not increase exposure.

3. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant construction impact.

The proposed changes will not result in any construction, therefore, there will be no construction impacts.

4. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

The proposed changes will not increase the probability of occurrence or consequence of any postulated accident currently identified in the safety analysis report. Therefore, there is no significant increase in the potential for or radiological or chemical consequences from previously evaluated accidents.

5. The proposed amendment will not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.

Changing the TSR to add a new program element will not create a new or different type of accident. The proposed changes would not create new operating conditions or new plant configuration that could lead to a new or different type of accident.

6. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant reduction in any margin of safety.

There are no increases in the probability or consequences of a criticality and no new accident initiators were identified. These changes do not increase the margins of safety. In fact safety may be enhanced by putting more emphasis on the clear identification of SSCs necessary to meet the double contingency principle.

7. The proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards or security programs.

Implementation of the proposed changes do not change the safety, safeguards, or security programs. Although the program element is being added to the TSR, there was already a commitment to identify the SSCs. The effectiveness of the safety, safeguards, and security programs is not decreased.

Effective date: The amendment to Certificate of Compliance GDP-1 becomes effective 30 days after being signed by the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

Certificate of Compliance No. GDP-1: Amendment will revise Technical Safety Requirement for the nuclear criticality safety program by adding a new program element.

Local Public Document Room
location: Paducah Public Library, 555 Washington Street, Paducah, Kentucky 42003.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of September 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William F. Kane,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic and Severe-Accident Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic and Severe-Accident Phenomena will hold a meeting on September 29-30, 1997, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Most of the meeting will be closed to public attendance to discuss Westinghouse Electric Corporation proprietary information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4).

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Monday, September 29, 1997—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business

Tuesday, September 30, 1997—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business

The Subcommittee will continue its review of the results of the Westinghouse Test and Analysis Program being conducted in support of the AP600 design certification and the associated NRC staff's Supplemental Draft Safety Evaluation Report.

Specifically, the Subcommittee will review key elements of the passive containment cooling system test and analysis program. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the

public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, the NRC staff, their consultants, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the scheduling of sessions which are open to the public, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Paul A. Boehnert (telephone 301/415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: September 9, 1997.

Sam Duraiswamy,

Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Week of September 15.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of September 15

Wednesday, September 17

9:00 a.m.—Briefing by DOE on Plutonium Disposition Strategy and Program (Public Meeting) (Contact: Ted Sherr, 301-415-7218)

Friday, September 19

10:00 a.m.—Briefing by DOE and NRC on Regulatory Oversight of DOE Nuclear Facilities (Public Meeting)

(Contact: John Austin, 301-415-7275)
11:30 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

1:30 p.m.—Briefing on Improvements in Senior Management Assessment Process for Operating Reactors (Public Meeting) (Contact: Bill Borchardt, 301-415-1257)

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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: Bill Hill, (301) 415-1661.

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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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This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no 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 (301-415-1661).

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 wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

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Dated: September 10, 1997.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

Secretary, Tracking Officer, 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 draft of a guide planned for 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 Commission'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.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1060 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is titled "Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Standards for Decommissioning Cost Accounting." The guide is intended for Division 1, "Power Reactors." This draft guide is being developed to propose NRC's endorsement of the Financial Accounting Standards Board draft standard No. 158-B, "Accounting for Certain Liabilities Related to Closure or Removal of Long-Lived Assets." (Copies may be obtained from FASB, 401 Merritt 7, P.O. Box 5116, Norwalk, CT 06856-5116.)

This Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1060 is being issued in anticipation of rulemaking regarding the funding for decommissioning power reactors. An advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) was published on April 8, 1996 (61 FR 15427). After consideration of the responses, the staff believes it is likely that the proposed rule will include a periodic reporting requirement. Issuance of a final regulatory guide is dependent upon issuance of a final rule that includes a provision for a reporting requirement. In the interest of efficiency and utility, the staff is proposing to endorse this draft FASB standard to facilitate licensees' plans for decommissioning.

The draft guide has not received complete staff review and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Public comments are being solicited on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-1060. Comments may be accompanied by additional 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, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by November 24, 1997.

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.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking