

NORTHEAST DAIRY COMPACT COMMISSION

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Northeast Dairy Compact Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Compact Commission will hold its monthly meeting to consider and act upon the 1998 budget and to deliberate and make final rulings on certain petitions for exemption from operation of the price regulation. The Commission will also receive Ad Hoc Committee reports on ongoing studies, and act upon such studies as appropriate, and consider certain matters relating to office administration.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for December 3, 1997 commencing at 10:00 a.m. to adjournment.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the New Hampshire Historical Society, Tuck Library Building Auditorium—1st Floor, located at 30 Park Street in Concord, NH (exit 14 off Interstate 93).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Smith, Executive Director, Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, 43 State Street, PO Box 1058, Montpelier, VT 05601. Telephone (802) 229-1941.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that the Northeast Dairy Compact Commission will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. The Compact Commission will consider and act upon the 1998 budget and deliberate and make final rulings in certain administrative petitions for exemption from operation of the price regulation. See 62 FR 35065 (June 30, 1997) The Commission will also receive reports from the Ad Hoc Committees on Regulations, Cost of Production and School Lunch Program Impact and take action upon such reports as required. The Commission will also consider certain matters relating to administration of the Compact Commission.

Daniel Smith,
Executive Director.

(Authority: (a) Article V, Section 11 of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact, and all other applicable Articles and Sections, as approved by Section 147, of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act (FAIR ACT), Pub. L. 104-127, and as thereby set forth in S.J. Res. 28(1)(b) of the 104th Congress; Finding of Compelling Public Interest by United States Department of Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, August 8, 1996 and March 20, 1997. (b) Bylaws of

the Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, adopted November 21, 1996.)

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket 70-7002]

Notice of Amendment To Certificate of Compliance GDP-2 for the U.S. Enrichment Corporation Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant Portsmouth, OH

The Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, has made a determination that the following amendment request is not significant in accordance with 10 CFR 76.45. In making that determination, the staff concluded that: (1) there is no change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite; (2) there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure; (3) there is no significant construction impact; (4) there is no significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents; (5) the proposed changes do not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident; (6) there is no significant reduction in any margin of safety; and (7) the proposed changes will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards, or security programs. The basis for this determination for the amendment request is described below.

The NRC staff has reviewed the certificate amendment application and concluded that it provides reasonable assurance of adequate safety, safeguards, and security and compliance with NRC requirements. Therefore, the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, is prepared to issue an amendment to the Certificate of Compliance for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS). The staff has prepared a Compliance Evaluation Report which provides details of the staff's evaluation.

The NRC staff has determined that this amendment satisfies the criteria for a 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 this amendment.

USEC or any person whose interest may be affected may file a petition, not exceeding 30 pages, requesting review

of the Director's Decision. The petition must be filed with the Commission not later than 15 days after publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. A petition for review of the Director's Decision shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner and how that interest may be affected by the results of the decision. The petition should 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 of the Commission, 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 proposed amendment, in accordance with a commitment made in the USEC certificate application, adds an additional criticality safety program element to the list of elements committed to in Technical Safety Requirement (TSR) 3.11.1.

Section 3.9 of the PORTS Safety Analysis Report (SAR) Revision 4 dated July 26, 1996, summarizes the upgrades

required to bring the process facilities in compliance with the descriptions provided in SAR Chapter 3. One of the upgrades involves the identification of Structures, Systems and Components (SSCs) and associated support systems required to meet the nuclear criticality safety (NCS) double contingency principle. These SSCs are also referred to as AQ-NCS SSCs. By March 3, 1997, USEC was required by Issue 23 of the Compliance Plan (DOE/ORO-2027/R3) submitted as part of their certificate application, to identify and delineate AQ-NCS SSCs and their associated support systems. According to USEC, this action has been completed. A commitment made in SAR Section 3.9.10 entitled "Identification of Nuclear Criticality Safety SSCs," requires USEC to follow-up by revising TSR 3.11.1, to reflect identification of AQ-NCS SSCs and their associated support systems. As such, USEC has proposed to add a new fourth bullet to TSR 3.11.1 to state that the NCS program will address the identification of SSCs and support systems necessary to meet the double contingency principle.

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.

This amendment adds an additional TSR commitment related to the PORTS NCS program by requiring identification of SSCs and support systems necessary to meet the double contingency principle. As such, it will not result in a significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

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

This amendment adds an additional TSR commitment related to the PORTS NCS program by requiring identification of SSCs and support systems necessary to meet the double contingency principle. As such, it will not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposures.

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

The proposed amendment does not involve 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.

This amendment adds an additional TSR commitment related to the PORTS NCS program by requiring identification of SSCs and support systems necessary to meet the double contingency principle. As such, it will not significantly increase the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

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

This amendment adds an additional TSR commitment related to the PORTS NCS program by requiring identification of SSCs and support systems necessary to meet the double contingency principle. As such, it will not result in new or different kinds of accidents.

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

This amendment adds an additional TSR commitment related to the PORTS NCS program by requiring identification of SSCs and support systems necessary to meet the double contingency principle. As such, there will not be a significant reduction of any margin of safety. On the contrary, this amendment may constitute an increase in the NCS margin of safety.

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

This amendment adds an additional TSR commitment related to the PORTS NCS program by requiring identification of SSCs and support systems necessary to meet the double contingency principle. As such, it will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety program. On the contrary, this amendment may increase the effectiveness of the plant's NCS program.

The staff has not identified any safeguards or security related implications from the proposed amendment. Therefore, the proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safeguards, or security programs.

Effective date: The amendment to GDP-2 will become effective immediately after issuance by NRC.

Certificate of Compliance No. GDP-2: Amendment will revise the Technical Safety Requirements.

Local Public Document Room

Location: Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of November 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carl J. Paperiello,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Panel Meeting: December 17, 1997—Augusta, Georgia: DOE-Owned Spent Fuel, Spent Naval Fuel, Treatment and Disposal of Aluminum-Clad Fuel, Defense Waste Processing, Defense Waste and Surplus Plutonium Disposal

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Pub. L. 100-203, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's Panel on the Repository will hold a meeting December 17, 1997, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The meeting, which is open to the public, will focus on Department of Energy (DOE)-owned spent nuclear fuel, spent naval fuel, defense waste processing, and defense waste and surplus plutonium disposal.

Representatives of the DOE and the U.S. Navy have been invited to make presentations, including introductions to DOE-owned spent fuel, naval spent fuel, and aluminum-clad, highly enriched uranium (HEU) spent fuel. Disposal of aluminum-clad HEU spent fuel will be covered, including package design, criticality analyses, and treatment options. Representatives of the Savannah River facility will talk about the work done there, including defense high-level waste processing and disposition. Other presentations will cover the characteristics and disposal of vitrified high-level defense waste, and the immobilization and disposal of surplus weapons-grade plutonium. A detailed agenda will be available approximately two weeks prior to the meeting by fax or email, or on the Board's web site at www.nwtbr.gov.

The meeting will be held at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel, Two 10th Street, Augusta, Georgia 30901; Tel (706) 722-8900; Fax (706) 823-6513. Reservations for accommodations must be made by December 8, 1997, and you must indicate that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's panel meeting to receive the preferred rate.

Time has been set aside on the agenda for comments and questions from the public. Those wishing to speak are encouraged to sign the Public Comment Register at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on the length of individual remarks; however, written