

responsibility for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. The owners will continue to provide all funds for the operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. The responsibility of the owners will include funding for any emergency situations that might arise at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensees' application dated June 30, 1998, for approval of the transfer of the license and issuance of a conforming amendment.

#### *Need for the Proposed Action*

The proposed action is needed to enable the licensees to transfer operating authority to the FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company as discussed above. The licensees have submitted that this will enable them to enhance the already high level of public safety, operational efficiency, and cost-effective operations at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there will be no physical or operational changes to the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. The technical qualifications of the FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company to carry out its responsibilities under the operating license for the Perry Nuclear Power Plant will be equivalent to the present technical qualifications of the current operators. The FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company will assume responsibility for, and control over, operation and maintenance of the facility. The present plant organization, the oversight organizations, and the engineering and support organizations will be transferred essentially intact to the FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company. The technical qualifications of the FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, therefore, will be at least equivalent to those of the existing organization.

The Commission has evaluated the environmental impact of the proposed action and has determined that the probability or consequences of accidents would not be increased and that post-accident radiological releases would not be greater than previously determined. Further, the Commission has determined that the proposed action would not affect routine radiological plant effluents and would not increase occupational radiological exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological

environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action would not affect nonradiological plant effluents and would have no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Alternative to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission concluded that there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternative with equal or greater environmental impacts need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the requested action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are identical.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the "Final Environmental Statement related to the operation of the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2," dated August 1982.

#### *Agencies and Persons Contacted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 21, 1998, the staff consulted with the State official of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensees' application dated June 30, 1998, which is 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 located at the Perry Public Library, 3753 Main Street, Perry, OH 44081.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of September 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Elinor G. Adensam,**

*Acting Director, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting**

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 104th meeting on October 20-22, 1998.

**Note:** On October 19, 1998, the Committee and its staff will tour the proposed site of the high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, as guests of the Department of Energy. The Committee will also tour surrounding communities and natural settings.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

*Tuesday, October 20, 1998—8:30 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.*

The Committee will meet at the Longstreet Inn, Conference Room Colorado #2, Stateline 373, Amargosa Valley, Nevada. The following topics will be discussed:

*A. Planning Session*—The Committee will conduct a day long planning session. The Committee will do a self-evaluation of its performance over the past year. The Committee will examine steps it can take to improve its operational efficiency. The Committee will also examine and select priority issues for review in 1999 and beyond.

*B. Public Comments*—Time will be allocated at the end of the planning session for public comments and discussion.

*Wednesday and Thursday, October 21-22, 1998—8:30 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. each day.*

The Committee will meet at Bally's, 3645 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, Nevada, Conference Room Las Vegas #1, Las Vegas, Nevada. The Committee will discuss the following topics:

*A. Site Characterization*—The Committee will discuss Yucca Mountain site characterization activities for the proposed repository with the Department of Energy (DOE).

*B. Viability Assessment*—The Committee will discuss the status of DOE's Viability Assessment including design options, total systems performance assessment, cost estimates, and schedule.

*C. Format And Content Guide*—The Committee will review the NRC staff's

Format and Content Guide for Reactor License Termination.

**D. Public Comments**—The Committee will hear comments from members of the public, representatives from the State of Nevada and affected local counties, and Tribal Nations on concerns related to nuclear waste disposal.

**E. Preparation of ACNW Reports**—The Committee will discuss planned reports on the following topics: potential regulations for licensing the Yucca Mountain repository; proposed importance measures for evaluating nuclear waste repository performance; issues related to the regulatory guides and standard review plan for decommissioning; recent international experience; a report on priorities and planning; comments on site characterization and viability assessment; and other topics discussed during this and previous meetings as the need arises.

**F. Committee Activities/Future Agenda**—The Committee will consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and Working Groups. The Committee will discuss ACNW-related activities of individual members.

**G. Miscellaneous**—The Committee will discuss miscellaneous matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and organizational activities and complete discussion of matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 1997 (62 FR 46382). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, 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 Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch, Mr. Richard K. Major, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch, prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for

ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Major as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled 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. Richard K. Major, Chief, Nuclear Waste Branch (telephone 301/415-7366), between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. EDT.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Dated: September 3, 1998.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment

The ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment will hold a meeting on September 24, 1998, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Thursday, September 24, 1998—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed options for developing a risk-informed approach to revising 10 CFR 50.59 (Changes, Tests and Experiments), and industry initiatives to certify probabilistic risk assessments (PRAs). 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 NRC staff, its consultants, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and 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. Michael T. Markley (telephone 301/415-6885) 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 4, 1998.

**Sam Duraiswamy,**

*Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of a Revised Information Collection: Form DPRS-2809

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a request for review of a revised information collection. DPRS-2809, Request to Change FEHB Enrollment or to Receive Plan Brochures, is used by former spouses and Temporary Continuation of Coverage recipients who are eligible to elect, cancel, or change health benefits enrollment during open season.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information