

and/or the NRC Regional Incident Response Centers (IRCs). If communication with the NRC Headquarters Operations Center is not possible, then the licensee should contact the IRC in NRC Region IV to discuss enforcement discretion. Similarly, if the Region IV IRC cannot be reached, then the licensee should attempt to contact the Region I, II and III IRCs. Although it is considered highly unlikely, if communication with NRC is not possible, the licensee should follow the plant license conditions, including technical specifications.

In conducting its assessments, the licensee should follow, to the extent practicable, the guidance in NRC Inspection Manual Part 9900 for Notices of Enforcement Discretion. Contrary to Part 9900 Section B.3 guidance, it is not necessary for an emergency to be declared by a government entity. Licensees are encouraged to contact NRC early in their evaluation process, particularly if time is of the essence, even though complete information as specified in Part 9900 may not be available.

The decision to exercise enforcement discretion does not change the fact that the licensee will be in noncompliance nor does it imply that enforcement discretion is being exercised for any noncompliance that may have led to the noncompliance at issue. To the extent noncompliance was involved, the NRC staff will normally take enforcement action for the root causes that led to the noncompliance for which enforcement discretion was granted. Enforcement action will also be considered in those cases in which incorrect or incomplete information was provided to the NRC staff by a licensee in its justification. The NRC recognizes that a licensee will need to exercise judgement in making a determination under this discretion provision. Consistent with the NRC's position involving 10 CFR 50.54(x), enforcement action for a violation of a license condition, including a TS, will not be taken unless a licensee's action was clearly unreasonable considering all the relevant circumstances. Enforcement action could include assessment of civil penalties and the issuance of orders.

Interim Enforcement Policy Regarding Enforcement Discretion for Inaccurate or Incomplete Performance Indicator Data for Nuclear Power Plants

This section sets forth the interim enforcement policy that the NRC will follow to exercise enforcement discretion for inaccurate or incomplete performance indicator (PI) data submitted to the NRC as part of the Part 50 Reactor Oversight Process. The

policy is effective until January 31, 2001.

Because both the NRC and licensees are in a learning process for the submission and review of PI data, some errors are expected. Therefore, in accordance with Section VII.B.6 of the Enforcement Policy, the NRC will refrain from issuing enforcement action for all non-willful violations of 10 CFR 50.9 for the submittal of inaccurate or incomplete PI data. Non-willful violations will be documented in inspection reports followed by an explanation that the NRC is exercising this discretion. Violations involving inaccurate or incomplete PI data submitted to the NRC that would not have caused a PI to change color do not normally warrant documentation given the minimal safety significance. Consistent with existing policy, no enforcement action will be taken for these minor violations.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of April, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook,

Secretary of the Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities and To Hold a Public Meeting for the Purpose of Scoping and To Solicit Public Input Into the Process

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) intends to prepare a draft supplement to the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities (NUREG-0586, August 1988) and to hold public scoping meetings for the purpose of soliciting comments. Although NUREG-0586 covered all NRC-licensed facilities, this supplement will address only the decommissioning of nuclear power reactors.

The NRC will hold a public scoping meeting on May 17, 2000, at the Boston Marriott Copley Place, 110 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02116 (telephone: 617-236-5800) to present an overview of the proposed supplement to the GEIS and to accept public comment on its proposal. The public scoping meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue to 10:00 p.m.

The meeting will be transcribed and will include (1) a presentation by the

NRC staff on the reasons for preparing a supplement to the GEIS and the environmental issues related to power reactor decommissioning to be addressed in the GEIS, and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, private organizations, and individuals to provide comments. Anyone wishing to attend or present oral comments at this meeting may preregister by contacting Mr. Dino C. Scaletti by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1104, or by Internet to the NRC at DGEIS@nrc.gov, 1 week prior to a specific meeting. Members of the public may also register to provide oral comments up to 15 minutes prior to the start of each meeting. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Scaletti's attention no later than 1 week prior to a specific meeting, so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Any interested party may submit comments related to the NRC's intent to supplement the GEIS for consideration by the NRC staff. To be certain of consideration, comments on the intent to prepare the supplement must be received by July 15, 2000. Comments received after the due date will be considered if it is practical to do so. At this time, comments are being sought only on the intent to prepare the supplement. The NRC staff currently projects issuance of the draft supplement for comment in early 2001. Comments on the draft supplement will be solicited at that time. Written comments should be sent to:

Chief, Rules and Directives Branch,
Division of Administrative Services,
Mail Stop T-6 D59, U.S. Nuclear
Regulatory Commission, Washington,
DC 20555-0001

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Submittal of electronic comments may be sent by the Internet to the NRC at DGEIS@nrc.gov. All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, or other interested persons, will be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, in Washington, DC. Also, publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on

the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dino C. Scaletti, Decommissioning Section, Project Directorate IV & Decommissioning, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Mr. Scaletti can be contacted at the aforementioned telephone number.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of April 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dino C. Scaletti,

Senior Project Manager, Decommissioning Section, Project Directorate IV and Decommissioning, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Entergy Operations, Inc., Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit No. 1; Notice of Correction to Biweekly Notice Applications and Amendments to Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

On April 19, 2000 (65 FR 21034), the **Federal Register** published the Biweekly Notice of Applications and Amendments to Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations. On page 21042, under Entergy Operations, Inc., Docket No. 50-313, the amendment number was incorrectly noted. It should read, "Amendment No.: 205."

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of April 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

M. Christopher Nolan,

Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate IV & Decommissioning, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Proposed New Appendix to Standard Review Plan (NUREG-0800), Chapter 19, "Use of Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Plant-Specific, Risk-Informed Decisionmaking: General Guidance"

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Workshop.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will host a public workshop to discuss the proposed new appendix to Chapter 19 of the Standard Review Plan (NUREG-0800), entitled "Appendix D—Use of Risk Information in Review of Non-Risk Informed License Amendment Requests." The appendix is being developed to provide guidance to the NRC staff on the use of risk information in those rare instances where license amendment requests appear to meet regulatory requirements but raise significant risk concerns due to some special circumstances associated with the request. The workshop is open to the public.

DATES: The workshop will be held on May 16, 2000, from 9 am to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Room T-8A1, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Egan Y. Wang, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-1076, e-mail eyw@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed new appendix and a Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on the appendix was issued in the **Federal Register** on April 10, 2000 (FR, Vol. 65, No. 69, 19030-19034). This workshop will provide an opportunity to discuss topics related to the appendix. Anyone interested in providing a presentation on this topic should contact Egan Wang at (301) 415-1076.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 20th day of April 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Steven K. West,

Acting Chief, Generic Issues, Environmental, Financial and Rulemaking Branch, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

OMB Circular A-110, "Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals and Other Non-Profit Organizations"

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Advance Notice of Proposed Revision.

SUMMARY: This advance notice seeks comments on a proposal by the Grants Management Committee of the Chief Financial Officer's Council that would ask OMB to amend Circular A-110, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Agreements with Institutions of Higher Education, Hospitals, and Other Non-Profit Organizations." The amendment would require Federal awarding agencies to offer recipients the option to request cash advances on a "pooled" basis. Before making this recommendation, the Council seeks comments from recipients and Federal agencies on the merits of pooled payment systems and grant-by-grant payment systems.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: F. James Charney, Policy Analyst, Office of Management and Budget, Room 6025, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Comments may be submitted via e-mail (grants@omb.eop.gov), but must be made in the text of the message and not as an attachment. The full text of Circular A-110 may be obtained by accessing OMB's home page (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb>), under the heading "Grants Management."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Maupin, Chief Financial Officer, Food and Nutrition Service, United States Department of Agriculture, at (703) 305-2046.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 22(c) of the Circular provides that "whenever possible, advances shall be consolidated to cover anticipated cash needs for all awards made by the Federal awarding agency to the recipient." The Chief Financial Officers Council (Council) is considering whether to recommend an amendment to the Circular that would expand on this provision by requiring agencies to offer a pooled payment procedure (where cash advances are requested from a "pool" of grants rather than on a grant-by-grant basis) as an option for recipients in requesting cash advances under Federal awards. Under either method, however, a recipient must maintain systems that minimize the time elapsing between the receipt of Federal advance payments and their disbursement for program purposes. This issue emerged from the work of the Council's Grants Management Committee as it considered a proposal to formally incorporate a pooled payment process into the Federal Government's body of accounting standards.