

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action: The NRC has reviewed the exemption request submitted by the licensee and determined that not requiring the licensee to submit an annual report pursuant to 10 CFR 72.44(d)(3) is an administrative change and would have no significant impacts to the environment.

Further, NRC has evaluated the impact to public safety that would result in granting the requested exemption. NRC determined that not requiring the licensee to submit an annual report specifying principal radionuclides released to the environment in liquid and in gaseous effluents does not impact public safety because the design basis for the Rancho Seco ISFSI is such that it is a passive system that generates no effluents during fuel storage. Thus, there should be no releases to the environment of either liquid or gaseous effluents from normal operations of the Rancho Seco ISFSI.

The proposed actions would not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes would be made to the types of effluents that may be released offsite, and there would be no increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action. Additionally, the proposed action would have no significant non-radiological impacts.

Alternative to the Proposed Action: As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the exemption and conforming amendment requests (*i.e.*, the “no-action” alternative). Approval or denial of the exemption and conforming amendment requests would result in no change in the environmental impacts. Therefore, the environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Agencies and Persons Consulted: The NRC staff prepared this environmental assessment (EA); no other sources were used. On September 28, 2004, the staff contacted Mr. Steven Hsu of the California Department of Health Services, Radiologic Health Branch, and subsequently provided him a draft copy of this EA for review. The State of California responded to the NRC by e-mail on October 1, 2004, and stated it had no comments at this time on the EA or the Finding of No Significant Impact. The NRC staff has determined that consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is not required for this specific exemption, which involves an administrative change and will not affect listed species or critical habitat. The NRC staff has also

determined that the proposed action is not a type of activity having the potential to cause effects on historic properties. Therefore, no consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

Conclusions: The staff has reviewed the exemption and conforming amendment requests submitted by SMUD and has determined that relieving the licensee from the requirement to submit an annual radioactive effluent report pursuant to 10 CFR 72.44(d)(3) and the Rancho Seco ISFSI Technical Specifications is an administrative change, and would have no significant impact on the environment.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The environmental impacts of the proposed action have been reviewed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR Part 51. Based upon the foregoing EA, the NRC finds that the proposed action of granting the exemption and approving the conforming amendment to the license will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined that an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption and conforming amendment is not warranted.

The request for the exemption and amendment was docketed under 10 CFR Part 72, Docket 72–11. For further details with respect to this action, see the request for the exemption and proposed license amendment dated July 19, 2004. The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC’s public documents. However, as of October 25, 2004, the NRC initiated an additional security review of publicly available documents to ensure that potentially sensitive information is removed from the ADAMS database accessible through the NRC’s Web site. Interested members of the public should check the NRC’s Web pages for updates on the availability of documents through the ADAMS system. When public availability is restored, these documents may be accessed through the NRC’s Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. After resumption of public access to ADAMS, copies of the referenced documents will also be available for review at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. PDR reference staff can be contacted at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. The

PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of January, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 2005.

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

STATUS: Public and closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of January 10, 2005

Tuesday, January 11, 2005

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 9).

Wednesday, January 12, 2005

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 9).

Week of January 17, 2005—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 17, 2005.

Week of January 24, 2005—Tentative

Monday, January 24, 2005

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

1:30 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1, 2, 3, & 4).

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

Week of January 31, 2005—Tentative

Thursday, February 3, 2005

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Human Capital Initiatives (Closed—Ex. 2) (Tentative).

Week of February 7, 2005—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of February 7, 2005.

Week of February 14, 2005—Tentative

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Programs, Performance, and Plans—Waste Safety (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Jessica Shin, (301) 415-8117).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address <http://www.nrc.gov>.

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Emergency Preparedness Program Initiatives (Closed—Ex. 1).

*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: Dave Gamberoni, (301) 415-1651.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: By a vote of 3-0 on December 30, 2004, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of Motion by Rene Chun for 'Clarification and Amendment' of CLI-04-34" be held January 5, 2005, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html>.

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Dated: January 6, 2005.

Dave Gamberoni,

Office of the Secretary.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Review of an Expiring Information Collection: RI 20-80

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 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 an expiring information collection. RI 20-80, Alternative Annuity Election, is used for individuals who are eligible to elect whether to receive a reduced annuity and a lump-sum payment equal to their retirement contributions (alternative form of annuity) or an unreduced annuity and no lump sum.

Approximately 200 RI 20-80 forms are completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 20 minutes to complete this form. The annual burden is 67 hours.

Comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of OPM, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, fax (202) 418-3251 or via e-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov. Please include a mailing address with your request.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received within 60 calendar days from the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to: Pamela S. Israel, Chief, Operations Support Group, Retirement Services Program, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415.

For Information Regarding Administrative Coordination Contact: Cyrus S. Benson, Team Leader, Publications Team, Administrative Services Branch, (202) 606-0623.

Office of Personnel Management.

Kay Coles James,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension: Rule 425, OMB Control No. 3235-0521, SEC File No. 270-462.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Securities Act Rule 425 (OMB Control No. 3235-0521; SEC File No. 270-462) requires the filing of certain prospectuses and communications under Rules 135 and 165 in connection with business combination transactions. The purpose of the rule is to relax existing restrictions on oral and written communications with shareholders about tender offers, mergers and other business combination transactions by permitting the dissemination of more information on a timely basis as long as the written communications are filed on the date of first use. The information provided under Rule 425 is made available to the public upon request. Also, the information provided under Rule 425 is mandatory. Approximately 2,000 issuers file communications under Rule 425 at an estimated .25 hours per response for a total of 500 annual burden hours.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (i) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission by sending an e-mail to: David.Rostker@omb.eop.gov; and (ii) R. Corey Booth, Director/Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must