

activities: (1) Research, (2) education, (3) knowledge transfer, (4) partnerships, (5) shared experimental facilities, (6) diversity, (7) management, and (8) budget issues.

For each of the categories the report will describe overall objectives for the year, problems the Center has encountered in making progress towards goals, anticipated problems in the following year, and specific outputs and outcomes.

MRSECs are required to file a final report through the RPPR and external technical assistance contractor. Final reports contain similar information and metrics as annual reports, but are retrospective.

Use of the Information: NSF will use the information to continue funding of the Centers, and to evaluate the progress of the program.

Estimate of Burden: 185 hours per center for 223 centers for a total of 4,070 hours.

Respondents: Non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Responses per Report: One from each of the 22 MRSECs.

Dated: September 11, 2013.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Geosciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Geosciences (1755).

Dates: October 9, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; October 10, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Place: Stafford I, Room 1235, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Melissa Lane, National Science Foundation, Suite 705, 4201 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, Virginia 22230. Phone 703-292-8500.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight on support for geoscience research and education including atmospheric, geo-space, earth, ocean and polar sciences.

Agenda

October 9, 2013

- Meeting with the Acting Director.

- Directorate and NSF activities and plans.
- Topical subcommittees on education/diversity, facilities, research and cyber-infrastructure.
- COV reports.

October 10, 2013

- Discussion of NSF Education Programs.
- Division Subcommittee meetings.
- Action Items/Planning for Fall Meeting.

Dated: September 11, 2013.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meetings; National Science Board

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice of the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business, as follows:

DATE AND TIME: September 19, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

PLACE: The morning meeting will be held at the University of Washington, Odegaard Undergraduate Library, Room 220, 4060 George Washington Lane, Seattle, Washington 98195. It is open to the public. The afternoon meeting will be held at the University of Washington, Gerberding Hall. This meeting is closed to the public.

STATUS: Portion open; portion closed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please refer to the National Science Board Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/notices/>) for additional information and schedule updates, or contact Jennie Moehlmann, jmoehlma@nsf.gov, or (703) 292-7000. The Public Affairs contact is Dana Topousis, dtopousi@nsf.gov, (703) 292-7750.

Plenary Board Meeting Agenda

Open Session: 8:00–11:00 a.m.

- Chairman's introduction and welcome from the University of Washington
- Presentations and Panel Discussion: "The Future of Advanced Cyberinfrastructure for Science and Engineering, Research and Education." Moderator, Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier, NSB Vice-chairman.
- Chairman's remarks

Plenary Executive Closed Session: 4:00–4:15 p.m.

- Chairman's remarks

- Nominations Committee recommendations

Meeting Adjourns: 4:15 p.m.

Ann Bushmiller,

Senior Counsel to the National Science Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-9091-MLA; ASLBP No. 12-915-01-MLA-BD01]

Strata Energy, Inc. (Ross In Situ Recovery Uranium Project); Notice of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Reconstitution

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.313(c) and 2.321(b), the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) in the above-captioned *Strata Energy, Inc.* case is hereby reconstituted by appointing Administrative Judge Craig M. White to serve on the Board in place of Administrative Judge Kenneth L. Mossman.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall continue to be filed in accordance with the NRC E-Filing rule. *See* 10 CFR 2.302 *et seq.*

Issued at Rockville, Maryland this 10th day of September 2013.

E. Roy Hawkens,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-27; NRC-2011-0115]

Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Humboldt Bay Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) and a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for an amendment request submitted by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), on September 8, 2010, as supplemented, for the Humboldt Bay Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI).

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2011-0115 when contacting the

NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2011–0115. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–287–3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. In addition, for the convenience of the reader, the ADAMS accession numbers are provided in a table in the section of this document entitled, Availability of Documents.

- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristina Banovac, Project Manager, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, telephone: 301–287–0686, email: Kristina.Banovac@nrc.gov; U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is considering issuance of an amendment to Materials License No. SNM–2514 that would allow for the storage of greater than Class C (GTCC) process waste at the Humboldt Bay ISFSI. PG&E submitted its license amendment request by letter dated September 8, 2010 (ADAMS Accession No. ML102530291), as supplemented on January 28, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML110400027), April 1, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML110940211), September 9, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML112521432), June 19, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12171A306),

June 25, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12178A273), October 4, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12279A041), January 16, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13017A375), March 7, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13071A073), and March 21, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13084A078). On April 14, 2011, the NRC staff found PG&E's application to be acceptable for a detailed review (ADAMS Accession No. ML111050245). The NRC published a notice of amendment and opportunity to request a hearing and to petition for leave to intervene in the **Federal Register** on May 27, 2011 (76 FR 30980).

The NRC staff has prepared an EA (ADAMS Accession No. ML13241A289) in support of its review of PG&E's license amendment request, in accordance with the NRC regulations in part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions," which implement the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.). Based on the EA, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed amendment to License No. SNM–2514 to allow storage of GTCC process waste at the Humboldt Bay ISFSI will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment, and the NRC, thus, has concluded that a FONSI is appropriate. The NRC staff further finds that preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) is not warranted.

II. Environmental Assessment Summary

Background

The Humboldt Bay ISFSI is located on the Humboldt Bay Power Plant (HBPP) site, in Humboldt County, California, approximately 4.8 kilometers (3 miles) southwest of the city of Eureka, California. PG&E is currently storing spent nuclear fuel and is authorized by NRC, under License No. SNM–2514, to also store GTCC activated metal waste at the Humboldt Bay ISFSI.

Proposed Action

PG&E initiated the proposed federal action by submitting an application to amend NRC License No. SNM–2514 to allow approximately 0.5 cubic feet of solid GTCC process waste to be stored at the Humboldt Bay ISFSI. The GTCC process waste consists of miscellaneous solid waste resulting from HBPP Unit 3 operations and from decommissioning, including debris from spent fuel pool cleanup. The license amendment, if approved, would allow PG&E to store the GTCC process waste at the

Humboldt Bay ISFSI, in accordance with the requirements in 10 CFR part 72.

The proposed license amendment does not involve any construction activities, land disturbance, excavation, or physical changes to the HBPP facilities, site, or environment. The proposed action involves a change associated with ISFSI operations, by the addition of the GTCC process waste as a material that can be stored at the existing Humboldt Bay ISFSI. The GTCC process waste would be stored in the same GTCC storage cask as the GTCC activated metal waste that is already approved to be stored in the ISFSI. The proposed action involves a minor change in the design of the GTCC storage cask, in that a section of pipe is welded to the bottom of the inner canister to hold and provide stabilization for the process waste container that contains the process waste. The proposed action also involves a minor change in the loading operations in the HBPP Unit 3 spent fuel pool, in that the process waste container would need to be placed in the storage cask before the activated metal is placed in the cask.

Purpose and Need for the Proposed Action

The purpose and need for the proposed action is to provide an option that allows temporary dry storage of GTCC process waste resulting from operation and decommissioning of HBPP Unit 3. PG&E is in the process of decommissioning HBPP Unit 3. As decommissioning activities commenced, it became apparent to PG&E that License No. SNM–2514 would need to be amended to allow storage of the GTCC process waste at the ISFSI. Removal of GTCC process waste from the HBPP Unit 3 spent fuel pool to the existing ISFSI would permit the dismantling and decommissioning of the existing reactor structures (including the spent fuel pool) of the HBPP Unit 3 facility. This would allow earlier termination of the 10 CFR part 50 license for HBPP Unit 3 (License No. DPR–7) and release of most areas for unrestricted use.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC staff has determined that potential environmental impacts associated with storage of the GTCC process waste at the Humboldt Bay ISFSI are bounded by the environmental impacts associated with construction, operation, and decommissioning of the ISFSI. These environmental impacts were evaluated in the NRC staff's assessment, "Environmental

Assessment Related to the Construction and Operation of the Humboldt Bay Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation,” dated October 2005, in which the NRC staff concluded that the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the Humboldt Bay ISFSI would not result in a significant impact to the environment (ADAMS Accession No. ML052430106).

The NRC staff expects the radiological doses to workers and to the public associated with the proposed action to be bounded by previous analyses, and that radiological doses would be below the NRC’s regulatory limits in 10 CFR Part 20 and Part 72. Additionally, the NRC staff expects that non-radiological environmental impacts from storage of the GTCC process waste at the ISFSI, would be bounded by those previously analyzed, because: (1) The proposed action would not involve any construction activities, land disturbance, excavation, physical changes to the HBPP facilities, or changes in land use; (2) operation of the ISFSI does not require usage of water resources; and (3) the ISFSI does not generate gaseous, liquid, or solid effluents or wastes during operation.

The NRC staff evaluated the direct effects, indirect effects, and cumulative impacts that each resource area—land use, transportation, socioeconomics, air quality, geology and soils, water resources, ecology, including threatened and endangered species, noise, visual and scenic resources, public and occupational health, and waste management—may encounter from the proposed action. The NRC staff determined that the impacts in these areas would not be significant. The NRC staff also analyzed the impacts of the proposed action on historic and cultural resources and determined that the proposed action will have no effect on historic and cultural resources. The NRC staff also evaluated the impacts

from a hypothetical terrorist attack on the GTCC process waste and concluded that a hypothetical terrorist attack would not result in a significant environmental impact.

Alternative to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the amendment request (i.e., the “no-action” alternative). Under the no-action alternative, PG&E would continue to store the GTCC process waste under its 10 CFR Part 50 license for HBPP Unit 3, either in the spent fuel pool or in another appropriately shielded configuration. PG&E would not be able to completely decommission the existing Unit 3 radioactive reactor structures and facility, including the spent fuel pool, and therefore would not be able to request termination of the 10 CFR part 50 license (License No. DPR-7) and release of most areas of the site for unrestricted use. PG&E would continue to maintain and monitor the spent fuel pool, the management of solid radioactive wastes, and the monitoring of effluents under the existing 10 CFR part 50 license. Denial of the amendment request would result in no change to the environmental impacts associated with storage of GTCC process waste at the spent fuel pool under the 10 CFR part 50 license.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

The NRC staff consulted with several other agencies and parties regarding the environmental impacts of the proposed action. These consultations were intended to afford the designated agency or party the opportunity to comment on the proposed action and to ensure that the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and Section 305 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act are met with respect to

the proposed action. With regard to the above laws, NRC staff requested input from the California Office of Historic Preservation, the California Native American Heritage Commission, Federally-recognized Indian Tribes (the Wiyot Tribe, the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria, and the Blue Lake Rancheria), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service. The NRC staff used the information provided during the consultations to inform its EA.

The NRC staff provided a draft of its EA to the California Energy Commission for review. On July 12, 2013, the California Energy Commission responded by electronic mail and stated that it had no comments on the EA.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The NRC staff has reviewed PG&E’s license amendment request to allow storage of GTCC process waste at the Humboldt Bay ISFSI. Based on its review of the proposed action, in accordance with the requirements in 10 CFR part 51, the NRC staff has determined that approval of the proposed amendment to NRC License No. SNM-2514 to allow storage of GTCC process waste at the Humboldt Bay ISFSI will not significantly affect the quality of the human environment. For these reasons, NRC has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 51.31, preparation of an EIS is not required for the proposed action, and pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate.

IV. Availability of Documents

The following documents, related to this Notice, can be found using any of the methods provided in the following table. Instructions for accessing ADAMS were provided under the **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice.

| Date | Document | ADAMS Accession No./ Federal Register citation |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| September 8, 2010 | PG&E’s application for license amendment | ML102530291 |
| January 28, 2011 | Supplement to PG&E’s application for license amendment | ML110400027 |
| April 1, 2011 | Supplement to PG&E’s application for license amendment | ML110940211 |
| September 9, 2011 | Supplement to PG&E’s application for license amendment | ML112521432 |
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| March 21, 2013 | Supplement to PG&E’s application for license amendment | ML13084A078 |
| April 14, 2011 | NRC acceptance of PG&E’s application for detailed review | ML111050245 |
| May 27, 2011 | Notice of amendment and opportunity to request a hearing and to petition for leave to intervene. | 76 FR 30980 |
| September 9, 2013 | NRC staff’s EA for the license amendment | ML13241A289 |

| Date | Document | ADAMS Accession No./ Federal Register citation |
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| October 2005 | NRC staff's original EA supporting issuance of license for Humboldt Bay ISFSI | ML052430106 |

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of September 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Kristina L. Banovac,

Project Manager, Licensing Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-10; NRC-2013-0207]

Prairie Island; Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; Notice of Docketing of Amendment Request to Special Nuclear Materials; License No. 2506 Containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment request; opportunity to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene; order.

SUMMARY: Northern States Power Company requests a revision to the Technical Specifications of the TN-40HT cask utilized at its Prairie Island independent spent fuel storage installation located in Welch, Minnesota.

DATES: Requests for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed by November 15, 2013. Any potential party as defined in Section 2.4 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), who believes access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI) is necessary to respond to this document must request document access by September 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2013-0207 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2013-0207. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For

technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Allen, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-287-9225; email: William.Allen@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) received, by letter dated July 17, 2013, a license amendment application from Northern States Power Company (NSPM), requesting a revision to the Technical Specifications of the TN-40HT cask utilized at its Prairie Island independent spent fuel storage installation located in Welch, Minnesota (ADAMS Accession No. ML13205A141). License No. SNM-2506 authorizes the licensee to receive, store, and transfer spent fuel from Prairie Island Nuclear Station Units 1 and 2. Specifically, the amendment seeks to lower the allowed thermal conductance of the neutron absorber and aluminum 1100 plate utilized in the TN-40HT cask from 3.98 BTU/hr-deg F to 3.55 BTU/hr-deg F.

An NRC administrative review, documented in a letter to NSPM dated August 9, 2013, found the application acceptable to begin a technical review (ADAMS Accession No. ML13226A085).

If the NRC approves the amendment, the approval will be documented in an amendment to NRC License No. SNM-2506. However, before approving the proposed amendment, the NRC will need to make the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report. The NRC will also make findings consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Part 51 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR).

II. Opportunity To Request a Hearing and Petitions for Leave To Intervene

Requirements for hearing requests and petitions for leave to intervene are found in 10 CFR 2.309, "Hearing requests, petitions to intervene, requirements for standing, and contentions." Interested persons should consult 10 CFR 2.309, which is available at the NRC's PDR, located at O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852 or call the PDR at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737. The NRC's regulations are also accessible electronically from the NRC Library on the NRC's Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/>.

Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene. As required by 10 CFR 2.309, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390(d), the petition must provide the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner and specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order that may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest.

A petition for leave to intervene must also include a specification of the