

List of Agencies and Persons Consulted

The Director of the Laboratory and Radiation Services Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment was consulted about the EA for the proposed action. This organization had no comments on the proposed action.

During a public meeting held on February 20, 1997, the DOE and PSCo staffs were consulted regarding the environmental monitoring program.

References used in preparation of the EA:

1. DOE-ID License Transfer Application, including the Decommissioning Plan, Emergency Plan, Environmental Report, Quality Assurance Requirements and Description, and Technical Specifications, dated December 17, 1996, as supplemented February 4, 5, and 18, and March 12 and 13, 1997.
2. NRC, "Environmental Assessment Regarding Order Authorizing Decommissioning of Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station," dated November 1992.
3. NRC, "Environmental Assessment Related to the Construction and Operation of the Fort St. Vrain Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation," dated February 1991.
4. AEC, "Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Generating Station," dated August 1972.
5. NRC, 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation."
6. NRC, 10 CFR Part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions."

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. The staff has determined that the proposed action of transferring Materials License SNM-2504 from PSCo to DOE and the subsequent license amendment will not significantly impact the quality of the environment. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not warranted, and pursuant to 10 CFR 51.31, a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate.

Based upon the EA, 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 EIS for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated

December 17, 1996, as supplemented February 4, 5, and 18, and March 12 and 13, 1997, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555, and at the Local Public Document Room at the Weld Library District, Lincoln Park Branch, 919 7th Street, Greeley, Colorado 80631.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of March 1997.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William F. Kane,

Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 91st meeting on April 22-24, 1997, in Room T-2B3, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

Tuesday, April 22, 1997—8:30 A.M.

until 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, April 23, 1997—8:30 A.M.

until 6:00 P.M.

Thursday, April 24, 1997—8:30 A.M.

until 4:00 P.M.

During this meeting, the Committee plans to consider the following:

A. *Igneous Activity*—The Committee will review the NRC staff and DOE investigations of this potentially adverse condition to the acceptability of the proposed high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. The review will focus on the status of results and paths toward resolution from these studies of potential volcanism.

B. *Planning for Commission Meeting*—The Committee will prepare for its next meeting with the Commission currently scheduled for May 20, 1997 at 2:00 p.m.

C. *Convention on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management*—The Committee will hear a report from the NRC's Division of Waste Management on this international treaty which is under consideration.

D. *Screening Methodology for Assessing Prior Land Burials*—The Committee will review the staff's final branch technical position on this screening methodology including its disposition of public comments received.

E. *State of Nevada*—The Committee will hear from a representative of the

State of Nevada who will discuss the Nevada perspective as to the difference between DOE's viability assessment and the site suitability determinations for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository. Comments will also be offered on the proposed amendments to DOE's 10 CFR Part 960. The amendments would focus Part 960 as to its use in evaluating the suitability of the Yucca Mountain site for development as a repository.

F. *Meeting with the Director, the Division of Waste Management*—The Committee will hold a current events discussion with the Director.

G. *Defense-in-Depth*—The Committee will hear presentations from representatives of industry that will address the topic of subsystem requirements in 10 CFR 60 as a means on implementing the defense-in-depth concept.

H. *Preparation of ACNW Reports*—The Committee will discuss potential reports, including Igneous Activity related to the proposed Yucca Mountain Repository, a Branch Technical Position on a Screening Methodology for Assessing Prior Land Burials, and other topics discussed during the meeting as the need arises.

I. *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.

J. *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 October 8, 1996 (61 FR 52814). 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 this purpose 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 cancelled 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. EST.

ACNW meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672; the local direct dial number is 703-321-3339.

Dated: March 27, 1997.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Office.

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Memorandum of Understanding Between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of renewal of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (DHHS, FDA).

SUMMARY: The NRC and the DHHS, FDA, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on August 26, 1993, which describes the respective roles of the FDA and NRC for regulating medical devices and radiopharmaceuticals containing radioactive materials, and the coordination between the two agencies. The MOU was noticed in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 1993 (58 FR 47300). This notice announces the 3-year renewal of the MOU. The only changes to the MOU were the liaison officers for each agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry W. Camper, Office of Nuclear

Material Safety and Safeguards, MS T-8 F 5, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone 301-415-7231.

Dated: March 27, 1997

Larry W. Camper,

Chief, Medical, Academic, and Commercial Use Safety Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, NMSS.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Request for Comments on Development of Strategic Plan for U.S. Postal Service, Pursuant to the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 requires that the Postal Service and Federal agencies set strategic goals, measure performance, and report on results. It requires development, no later than by the end of fiscal year 1997, of a five-year strategic plan, to include the organization's mission statement, identify its long-term strategic goals, and describe how it intends to achieve its goals. The Act also requires that in developing its Strategic Plan, the Postal Service shall solicit and consider the ideas of those potentially affected by or interested in the Strategic Plan. This notice therefore asks for public comment concerning development of the Postal Service's Strategic Plan for the years 1998-2002.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be directed to Robert A.F. Reisner, Vice President, Strategic Planning, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, DC 20260-1520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jon L. Cook, (202) 268-4099.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Background

The Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, Public Law 103-62, (GPRA) was enacted to make Federal programs more effective and publicly accountable by targeting results, service quality, and customer satisfaction. Other statutory goals were to improve Congressional decisionmaking and to improve internal management of the Federal Government. Public Law 103-62, section 2(b), 107 Stat 285. Because of the Postal Service's role as an

independent establishment of the Executive Branch of the Government of the United States, section 7 of the law establishes separate provisions which apply to the Postal Service (sections 2801-2805 of title 39, United States Code).

Section 2802 of title 39, United States Code, requires that the Postal Service submit to the President and the Congress a strategic plan for its program activities, no later than September 30, 1997. The plan is to contain:

(1) a comprehensive mission statement covering the major functions and operations of the Postal Service;

(2) general goals and objectives, including outcome-related goals and objectives, for the major functions and operations of the Postal Service;

(3) a description of how the goals and objectives are to be achieved, including a description of the operational processes, skills and technology, and the human, capital, information, and other resources required to meet those goals and objectives;

(4) a description of how the performance goals included in the plan required under section 2803 shall be related to the general goals and objectives in the strategic plan;

(5) an identification of those key factors external to the Postal Service and beyond its control that could significantly affect the achievement of the general goals and objectives; and

(6) a description of the program evaluations used in establishing or revising general goals and objectives, with a schedule for future program evaluations.

39 U.S.C. 2802(a).

The GPRA also requires the preparation of annual performance plans covering each program activity set forth in the Postal Service budget. 39 U.S.C. 2803. These plans are to link the strategic goals in the Strategic Plan with ongoing operations. In addition, the law requires preparation of program performance reports, to review and compare performance with performance goals in the annual performance plan. 39 U.S.C. 2804.

In order to involve the public in the process, GPRA requires that, as it develops its strategic plan, the Postal Service "shall solicit and consider the views and suggestions of those entities potentially affected by or interested in such a plan, and shall advise the Congress of the contents of the plan." 39 U.S.C. 2802(d).

Discussion of the Postal Service Mission and its Strategic Planning Process

In 1970, the Congress enacted the Postal Reorganization Act, recasting the former Post Office Department as the United States Postal Service. Its intent was that the former department evolve into a Federal entity that operates more