

matter of the Decision. Any person described in this paragraph (USEC or any person who filed a petition) may file a response to any petition for review, not to exceed 30 pages, within 10 days after filing of the petition. If no petition is received within the designated 15-day period, the Director will issue the final amendment to the Certificate of Compliance without further delay. If a petition for review is received, the decision on the amendment application will become final in 60 days, unless the Commission grants the petition for review or otherwise acts within 60 days after publication of this **Federal Register** Notice.

A petition for review must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, by the above date.

For further details with respect to the action see: (1) the application for amendment and (2) the Commission's Compliance Evaluation Report. These items are 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.

Date of amendment request: July 30, 1997.

Brief description of amendment: On July 30, 1997, the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) requested an amendment to the certificate of compliance for PORTS. The request is to clarify Technical Safety Requirement (TSR) 2.1.3.11 dealing with the minimum required number of operable smoke detector alarm circuits in the autoclave facilities at PORTS. Responding to an NRC request for additional information, the amendment request was modified by USEC on May 29, 1998.

USEC has proposed to revise the Limiting Condition for Operation (LCO) for TSR 2.1.3.11 from requiring fifty percent of the installed autoclave UF₆ smoke detection heads to be operable to simply requiring the autoclave UF₆ smoke detection systems to be operable. In addition to modifying the LCO, USEC has proposed to clarify TSR 2.1.3.11, Actions Statements, to normally require at least one operable smoke detector alarm circuit to cover an area above each autoclave in buildings X-342A (Feed Vaporization Facility) and X-344A (Toll Enrichment Services Facility) and above each autoclave pair in building X-343 (Feed Vaporization

and Sampling Facility). USEC has also proposed to normally require at least four of the eight detector heads operable at all times in the X-343 facility. This is to alleviate any potential adverse effects on timely detection of a release in the event of winds inside the building when one or both crane doors or hatches are open. Changes were also made to Chapter 3, "Facility and Process Description," of the Safety Analysis Report (SAR). These changes involve the addition of new sections 3.2.1.1.6, "UF₆ Leak Detection System" and 3.2.1.2.6, "UF₆ Leak Detection System," and a new paragraph to section 3.2.1.3.6, "UF₆ Leakage Detectors." The SAR changes describe the operations and locations of the UF₆ detection systems.

Basis for finding of no significance:

1. The proposed amendment will not result in a change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

Clarifying the minimum number of smoke detector alarm circuits required to be operable in autoclave buildings X-342A, X-343, and X-344A will not result in an increase in the amounts of effluents that may be released offsite or result in any impact to the environment.

2. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

The proposed clarification of identifying the minimum number of smoke detector alarm circuits required to be operable for autoclave buildings X-342A, X-343, and X-344A will not increase individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

3. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant construction impact.

The proposed changes will not result in any construction, therefore, there will be no construction impacts.

4. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

The proposed changes which involve clarifying the minimum number of smoke detector alarm circuits required to be operable for autoclave buildings X-342A, X-343, and X-344A will not result in an increase in the potential for UF₆ releases. The proposed changes will also not result in an increase in the potential for, or radiological consequences from previously evaluated criticality accidents. Therefore, the proposed changes will not result in a significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical

consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

5. The proposed amendment will not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.

The proposed changes will not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.

6. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant reduction in any margin of safety.

The proposed changes, clarifying the minimum number of smoke detector alarm circuits required to be operable in autoclave buildings X-342A, X-343 and X-344A, will not reduce the margin of safety as defined in the Technical Safety Requirement. In fact, an operable smoke detector directly above an autoclave (potential UF₆ release point) would enhance safety by likely providing a more timely detection capability as compared to an operable smoke detector that is not directly above the autoclave.

7. The proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards, or security programs.

Identifying the minimum number of smoke detector alarm circuits required to be operable in autoclave buildings X-342A, X-343 and X-344A will not result in a decrease in the overall effectiveness of the plant's safety program. The staff has also not identified any safeguards or security related implications from the proposed amendment.

Effective date: 30 days after issuance of amendment.

Certificate of Compliance No. GDP-2: Amendment will revise the Technical Safety Requirement.

Local Public Document Room location: Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of July 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Malcolm R. Knapp,

Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Crownpoint Uranium Solution Mining Project; Establishment of Local Public Document Room

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has established a local public document room (LPDR) for the Hydro Resources, Inc., Crownpoint Uranium Solution Mining Project.

Members of the public may now inspect and copy documents related to the Crownpoint Uranium Solution Mining Project at the Dine College, Crownpoint, New Mexico. The hours of operation at the College Library are: Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Patrons should call ahead to confirm weekend hours.

For further information, interested parties in the Crownpoint, New Mexico, area may contact the LPDR directly through Ms. Jean Whitehorse, Librarian, telephone number (505) 786-7223. Parties outside the service area of the LPDR may address their requests for information and records to the NRC's Public Document Room, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or telephone toll-free 1-800-397-4209.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of August, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Russell A. Powell,

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the Chief Information Officer.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability, and Notice of Public Meeting

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a draft of a guide planned for its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-4005 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is titled "Preparation of Supplemental Environmental Reports for Applications To Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses." The guide is intended for Division 4, "Environmental and Siting." This draft guide is being developed to provide guidance on the format and content of an environmental report to be submitted as part of an application for the renewal of a nuclear power plant operating license.

The draft guide has not received complete staff review and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Public comments are being solicited on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-4005. Comments may be accompanied by additional relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by October 23, 1998.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

A public meeting will be held on Friday, September 25, 1998, to answer questions about DG-4005 and to take comments on how it may be improved. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 5:00 PM or earlier. It will be held in the NRC Auditorium at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738. Individuals wishing to comment at the meeting are encouraged to inform Mr. Donald Cleary by September 18, 1998. Individuals not preregistered to speak will be given the opportunity to do so as time permits. Mr. Cleary's telephone number is (301) 415-3903, his e-mail address is dpc@nrc.gov, and his mail address is U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, O-11E1, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of July 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W. Craig,

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Source Material; Domestic Licensing; Domestic Uranium and Thorium Recovery Activities; Meetings

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of upcoming public meetings.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is conducting an evaluation of the entire regulatory framework used by the NRC staff to license and regulate domestic uranium and thorium recovery activities. Additionally, NRC has received a White Paper from the National Mining Association (NMA) setting forth NMA's views and recommendations on four uranium recovery issues: (1) NRC and non-Agreement State concurrent jurisdiction at uranium mill sites, (2) NRC jurisdiction of groundwater protection at uranium in-situ leach facilities, (3) NRC's policy on the disposal of non-11e(2) byproduct material at uranium mill tailings sites, and (4) NRC's policy on the processing of alternate feed material at uranium mills. Copies of the White Paper can be obtained through the NRC's public document room (PDR). The PDR can be contacted at (202) 634-3273.

In an effort to seek early public input in the process and public comments on the NMA recommendations, NRC has scheduled four public meetings in August of 1998 in states where uranium recovery activities are conducted. NRC staff intends to consider the information provided at these meetings in its development of recommendations on how best to proceed in the evaluation of the current uranium recovery regulatory framework and in its consideration of NMA's issues. In addition, NRC intends to use the meetings to provide scoping information for the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement that will be issued in support of any rulemaking that could be undertaken.