

Commission) in accordance with 10 CFR Part 72 requesting the amendment of the Prairie Island independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) license (SNM-2506) and the Technical Specifications for the ISFSI located in Goodhue County, Minnesota. NSP is seeking Commission approval to amend the materials license and the ISFSI Technical Specifications to allow storage of burnable poison rod assemblies and thimble plug devices in the TN-40 storage casks at the Prairie Island ISFSI.

This application was docketed under 10 CFR Part 72; the ISFSI Docket No. is 72-10 and will remain the same for this action. The amendment of an ISFSI license is subject to the Commission's approval.

The Commission may issue either a notice of hearing or a notice of proposed action and opportunity for hearing in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(1) or, if a determination is made that the amendment does not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected, take immediate action on the amendment in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(2) and provide notice of the action taken and an opportunity for interested persons to request a hearing or whether the action should be rescinded or modified.

For further details with respect to this application, see the application dated August 31, 1999, 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 located at the Technology and Science Department, Minneapolis Public Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of October 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
E. William Brach,
Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Comment on the Pilot Program for the New Regulatory Oversight Program

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing

significant revisions to its processes for overseeing the safety performance of commercial nuclear power plants that include integrating the inspection, assessment, and enforcement processes. As part of its proposal, the NRC staff established a new regulatory oversight framework with a set of performance indicators and associated thresholds, developed a new baseline inspection program that supplements and verifies the performance indicators, and created a continuous assessment process that includes a method for consistently determining the appropriate regulatory actions in response to varying levels of safety performance. The changes are the result of continuing work on a concept as described in SECY-99-007, "Recommendations for Reactor Oversight Process Improvements" dated January 8, 1999, and SECY-99-007A, "Recommendations for Reactor Oversight Improvements (Follow-Up to SECY-99-007)" dated March 22, 1999. In June 1999, the NRC began a six-month pilot program with two sites participating from each region. The purpose of the pilot program is to exercise the new oversight process, identify problems, develop lessons learned, and make any necessary changes before full implementation at all sites currently scheduled for April 2000. The NRC is soliciting comments from interested public interest groups, the regulated industry, States, and concerned citizens. The NRC staff will consider comments it receives for further development and refinement of the new oversight process.

Given that inspection related information, while publically available, was not available on the newly established website this public comment period has been extended at the request of some stakeholders to allow for more comprehensive review of the Revised Reactor Oversight Process.

DATES: The comment period expires December 31, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted either electronically or via U.S. mail. Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: T-6 D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to: 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Copies of comments

received may be examined at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W. (Lower Level), Washington, D.C.

Comments may be submitted electronically at the "NRC Initiatives 1999" web page at": <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/INITIATIVES/1999/COMMENTS/2acmt.html>

Copies of the Pilot Program Guidelines may be obtained at the following web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NRR/OVERSIGHT/INDEX.html>

Additional information on the pilot program may be obtained from the NRC's Public Document Room at 2120 L St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20003-1527, telephone 202-634-3273.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alan Madison, Mail Stop: O-5 H4, Inspection Program Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001, telephone 301-415-1490.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of October 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
William M. Dean,
Chief, Inspection Program Branch, Division of Inspection Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Pilot Program Evaluation Panel; Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 94-463, Stat. 770-776) the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced the establishment of the Pilot Program Evaluation Panel (PPEP). The PPEP functions as a management-level oversight group to monitor and evaluate the success of the Commission's Reactor Oversight Process Improvements program. A Charter governing the PPEP functions as a Federal Advisory Committee was filed with Congress on June 30, 1999, after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration. The PPEP will hold its forthcoming meetings on November 16 and 17, 1999, at the DoubleTree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852 (Phone 301-468-1100/Fax 301-468-0308). Hotel accommodations may be arranged directly with DoubleTree Hotel. Parking is available at \$5.00 per day.

The PPEP meeting participants are listed below along with their affiliation:

Frank P. Gillespie—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Mohan C. Thadani—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 James T. Wiggins—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Heidi Hahn—Los Alamos National Laboratories
 Bruce Mallet—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Geoffrey Grant—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Kenneth E. Brockman—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 James Lieberman—Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Steve Floyd—Nuclear Energy Institute
 David Garchow—Public Service Electric and Gas
 Masoud Bajestani—Tennessee Valley Authority
 George Barnes—Commonwealth Edison Company
 James Chase—Omaha Public Power District
 Gary Wright—Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety
 David Lochbaum—Union of Concerned Scientists

Additionally, the representatives of the following States and interested groups have been invited to provide their views and their stakeholders' views:

Public Citizen-Washington, DC;
 Manager of Projects and Programs—Southern California Edison, San Clemente, CA;
 The State of North Carolina;
 The State of Pennsylvania;
 The State of New Jersey;
 The State of Nebraska;
 The State of New York;
 The State of Vermont;
 The State of Florida;
 The State of Tennessee; and
 The State of Minnesota

Tentative agendas of the meetings are outlined as follows:

November 16, 1999 Meeting

8:00 a.m. Introduction/Meeting Objectives and Goals
 8:30 a.m. Performance indicators and Risk Informed Baseline Inspections Input from each non-NRC participant (10 minutes each) PPEP Discussion and questions (30 minutes)
 11:00 a.m. Significance Determination Process and Assessments Input from each non-NRC participant (10 minutes each)
 12:00 Noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Significance Determination Process and Assessments (Continued) PPEP Discussion and questions (30 minutes)

2:00 p.m. Enforcement and Overall Evaluation Input from each non-NRC participant (10 minutes each) PPEP Discussion and questions (30 minutes)
 3:30 p.m. General Discussion
 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

November 17, 1999 Meeting

8:00 a.m. Recap of previous day/ Meeting objectives and Goals
 8:30 a.m. Performance Indicators and Risk Informed Baseline Inspections; NRC Headquarter's Panel Presentation (45 minutes); NRC Regional Panel Presentation (15 minutes); PPEP Discussion and questions (30 minutes)
 10:15 a.m. Significance Determination Process and Assessments; NRC Headquarter's Panel Presentation (45 minutes); NRC Regional Panel Presentation (15 minutes); PPEP Discussion and questions (30 minutes)
 12:00 Noon Lunch
 1:00 p.m. Enforcement and Overall; NRC Headquarter's Panel Presentation (45 minutes); NRC Regional Panel Presentation (15 minutes); PPEP Discussion and questions (30 minutes)
 3:00 p.m. PPEP Teams Caucus
 3:30 p.m. PPEP Discussion
 4:00 p.m. Adjourn

Meetings of the PPEP are open to the members of the public. Oral or written views may be presented by the members of the public, including members of the nuclear industry. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Frank P. Gillespie (Telephone 301/415-1004, e-mail FPG@nrc.gov) or Mr. Mohan C. Thadani (Telephone 301/415-1476, e-mail MCT@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting date, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras will be permitted during this meeting.

Further information regarding topics of discussion; whether the meeting has been canceled, rescheduled, or relocated; and the Panel Chairman's ruling regarding requests to present oral statements and time allotted, may be obtained by contacting Mr. Frank P. Gillespie or Mr. Mohan C. Thadani between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EDT.

PPEP meeting transcripts and meeting reports will be available from the Commission's Public Document Room. Transcripts will be placed on the agency's web page at the address below. <http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/index.html>.

Transcripts of previous PPEP meetings can be viewed as background material at the above web site.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on November 17, 1999, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, November 17, 1999—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittee will review the industry effort coordinated by the Electric Power Research Institute to address the issue of waterhammer in low-pressure fluid systems, pursuant to resolution of Generic Letter 96-06, and continue its review of the NRC code review guideline documents (draft Regulatory Guide and Standard Review Plan Section). The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Portions of the meeting may be closed to public attendance to discuss Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) proprietary information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman. Written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. 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 Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be