

but are not part of the scope of the supplement to the GEIS being considered.

e. Identify other environmental review and consultation requirements related to the proposed action.

f. Indicate the relationship between the timing of the preparation of environmental analyses and the Commission's tentative planning and decision-making schedule.

g. Identify any cooperating agencies and, as appropriate, allocate assignments for preparation and schedules for completing the supplement to the GEIS to the NRC and any cooperating agencies.

h. Describe how the supplement to the GEIS will be prepared, including any contractor assistance to be used.

The NRC invites the following entities to participate in the scoping process:

a. The applicant, Entergy Operations, Inc.

b. Any person who intends to petition for leave to intervene.

c. Any Federal agency that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved, or that is authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards.

d. Affected State and local government agencies, including those authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards.

e. Any affected Indian tribe.

f. Any person who requests or has requested an opportunity to participate in the scoping process.

Participation in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the supplement to the GEIS relates. Notice of opportunity for a hearing regarding the renewal application was the subject of the aforementioned **Federal Register** notice of acceptance for docketing. Matters related to participation in any hearing are outside the scope of matters to be discussed at this public meeting.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.26, the scoping process for an EIS may include a public scoping meeting to help identify significant issues related to a proposed activity and to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS. The NRC has decided to hold a public meeting for the ANO-1 license renewal supplement to the GEIS. The scoping meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn in Russellville, Arkansas, on Tuesday, April 4, 2000. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 5:00 p.m. The second session will convene at 7:00 p.m. with a repeat of the overview

portions of the meeting and will continue until 10:00 p.m. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include (1) an overview by the NRC staff of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental review process, the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS, and the proposed review schedule; (2) an overview by Entergy of the proposed action, ANO-1 license renewal, and the environmental impacts as outlined in the ER; and (3) the opportunity for interested Government agencies, organizations, and individuals to submit comments or suggestions on the environmental issues or the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS. Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting on the NEPA scoping process by contacting Mr. Thomas J. Kenyon by telephone at 1 (800) 368-5642, extension 1120, or by Internet to the NRC at anoeis@nrc.gov no later than March 27, 2000. Members of the public may also register to speak at the meeting within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak, if time permits. Public comments will be considered in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Kenyon's attention no later than March 27, 2000, so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Members of the public may send written comments on the environmental scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS to Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mailstop T-6 D 59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. To be considered in the scoping process, written comments should be postmarked by May 9, 2000. Electronic comments may be sent by the Internet to the NRC at anoeis@nrc.gov. Electronic submissions should be sent no later than May 9, 2000, to be considered in the scoping process and will be available for inspection at the NRC Public Document Room.

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC will prepare a concise summary of the determination and conclusions reached, including the significant issues identified, and will

send a copy of the summary to each participant in the scoping process. The summary will also be available for inspection at the NRC Public Document Room. The staff will then prepare and issue for comment the draft supplement to the GEIS, which will be the subject of separate notices and a separate public meeting. Copies will be available for public inspection at the above-mentioned addresses, and one copy per request will be provided free of charge. After receipt and consideration of the comments, the NRC will prepare a final supplement to the GEIS, which will also be available for public inspection.

Information about the proposed action, the supplement to the GEIS, and the scoping process may be obtained from Mr. Kenyon at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of March, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Scott F. Newberry,

Acting Director, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Workshop Concerning the Revision of the Oversight Program for Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facilities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: NRC will hold a public workshop at the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), 1776 I Street, NW (Republic Place), in Washington, DC to provide the public, those regulated by the NRC, and other stakeholders, with information about and an opportunity to provide views on how NRC plans to revise its oversight program for nuclear fuel cycle facilities. This workshop follows the recent public stakeholder workshop held in Rockville, Maryland on February 22-23, 2000. Presentations and other documents provided at each workshop, together with a transcript of each workshop, are placed on the NRC INTERNET web page (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Similar to the revision of the oversight program for commercial nuclear power plants, NRC initiated an effort to improve its oversight program for nuclear fuel cycle facilities. This is described in SECY-99-188 titled, "EVALUATION AND PROPOSED REVISION OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL

CYCLE FACILITY SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM.” SECY-99-188 is available in the Public Document Room and on the NRC Web Page at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/SECYS/index.html>.

Purpose of Workshop

To obtain stakeholder views for improving the NRC oversight program for ensuring licensee and certificate holders maintain protection of worker and public health and safety, protection of the environment, and safeguards for nuclear material and sensitive information and material in the interest of national security. The oversight program applies to nuclear fuel cycle facilities regulated under 10 CFR Parts 40, 70, and 76. The facilities currently include gaseous diffusion plants, highly enriched uranium fuel fabrication facilities, low-enriched uranium fuel fabrication facilities, and a uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) production facility. These facilities possess large quantities of materials that are potentially hazardous (i.e., radioactive, toxic, and/or flammable) to the workers, public, and environment. In revising the oversight program, the goal is to have an oversight program that: (1) Provides earlier and more objective indications of acceptable and changing safety and safeguards performance, (2) increases stakeholder confidence in the NRC, and (3) increases regulatory effectiveness, efficiency, and realism. In this regard, the NRC desires the revised oversight program to be more risk-informed and performance-based and more focused on significant risks and poorer performers.

The workshop will focus on:

- Plans for communicating revision of the oversight program with stakeholders internal and external to the NRC;
- Objective and scope of safety and national security related cornerstones for meeting the NRC mission;
- Key performance attributes for achieving each cornerstone;
- Licensee performance attributes the NRC needs to monitor/assess by means of licensee provided performance indicators and NRC inspections to ensure cornerstone objectives are met;
- Criteria for selection of performance indicators and risk informed inspections;
- Measurable parameters and measurement methods for performance indicators; and
- Thresholds for performance.

DATES: Members of the public and other stakeholders are invited to attend and participate in the workshop, which is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, and Thursday, March 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: NEI, 1776 I Street (Republic Place), Washington, DC. Visitor parking around NEI is limited; however, the meeting site may be reached from Rockville by taking the Red line metro to Farragut North, and exiting at K Street. Farragut Park will be in front of you. Notice that 17th Street is parallel to the park. Walk one block along 17th Street to I Street, turn right, walk one more block. NEI is on the left on corner of 18th and I Streets, NW. From Reagan National Airport, NEI may be reached by taking the Blue line train towards Addison Road to Farragut West. Exit to 18th Street, and NEI is diagonally across the street on the corner of 18th and I Streets, NW.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Walter Schwink, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-7253, e-mail wss@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of March, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Philip Ting,

Chief, Operations Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NUREG-1718]

Standard Review Plan for the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has extended the public comment period on draft NUREG-1718, “Standard Review Plan for the Review of an Application for the Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility,” to allow interested parties additional time to prepare comments.

DATES: Submit comments by March 27, 2000. 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: Mail written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm during Federal workdays.

Draft NUREG-1718 is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the Commission’s Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, and electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

A free single copy of draft NUREG-1718, to the extent of supply, may be requested by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Distribution Services, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Draft NUREG-1718 is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NUREG/indexnum.html>.

Comments may be submitted by selecting the “comments” link on the main page for the draft NUREG.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information regarding draft NUREG-1718 contact Andrew Persinko, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-6522.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of March, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Information-Based Indicia Program (IBIP) Performance Criteria for Information-Based Indicia and Security Architecture for Open IBI Postage Evidencing Systems (PCIBI-O)

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Performance Criteria, with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service has compiled a revised draft functional Performance Criteria for open systems of the Information-Based Indicia program (IBIP), as defined in this release. The current release contains the performance criteria for the Indiciam, the Postal Security Device (PSD), the Host System, and the IBIP Key Infrastructure components of an open IBI system. The Postal Service also seeks comments on intellectual property issues raised by IBIP Performance Criteria, policy, and procedures if adopted in present form. If an intellectual property issue includes patents or patent applications covering