

application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

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

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert J. Fretz,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-11]

Sacramento Municipal Utility District; Notice of Issuance of Materials License SNM-2510, Rancho Seco Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has issued a Materials License under the provisions of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 72 (10 CFR Part 72), to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), authorizing receipt and storage of spent fuel into an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) located on site at its Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station in Sacramento County, California.

The function of the ISFSI is to provide interim storage in a dry cask storage system for up to 228.8 metric tons of uranium contained in intact and damaged fuel assemblies and associated control components from the prior operation of the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station. The dry cask storage system that is authorized for use is a Rancho Seco site-specific model of the NUHOMS-24P storage system designed by Transnuclear West Inc. The license for an ISFSI under 10 CFR Part 72 is issued for 20 years, but the licensee may seek to renew the license, if necessary, prior to its expiration.

The Commission's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) has completed its environmental, safeguards, and safety reviews in support of issuance of this license.

Following receipt of the application filed October 4, 1991, a "Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Materials License for the Storage of Spent Fuel and Opportunity for Hearing" was

published in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 1992 (57 FR 1286). The "Environmental Assessment (EA) Related to the Construction and Operation of the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation and Finding of No Significant Impact," was issued and noticed in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 41797, August 15, 1994) in accordance with 10 CFR Part 51. The scope of the EA included the construction and operation of an ISFSI on the Rancho Seco Nuclear Generating Station site including impacts derived from use of the NUHOMS-24P storage system.

The staff has completed its safety review of the Rancho Seco ISFSI site application and safety analysis report. The NRC staff's "Safety Evaluation Report for the Rancho Seco Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation," was issued on June 30, 2000. Materials License SNM-2510, the staff's Environmental Assessment, Safety Evaluation Report, and other documents related to this action are available electronically for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555, or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

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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

[NUREG-0940]

Enforcement Actions: Significant Actions Resolved

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing its intent to use the NRC website to communicate a consolidation of enforcement actions and to discontinue publication of the paper document, NUREG-0940, "Enforcement Actions: Significant Actions Resolved," which contains significant enforcement actions that have been issued. The NRC is

taking this action because this material is now available electronically on the NRC website. The Commission is also seeking public comment on this action.

DATES: The comment period expires September 11, 2000. Unless the Commission takes further action, the final edition of NUREG-0940 will be the edition published in the summer of 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., Federal workdays. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Renee Pedersen, Senior Enforcement Specialist, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001 (301) 415-2741, e-mail rmp@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In 1982, the Enforcement Staff of the NRC's then Office of Inspection and Enforcement commenced publishing NUREG-0940, "Enforcement Actions: Significant Actions Resolved." This NUREG is a compilation of the letters, Notices, and Orders sent to licensees with respect to significant enforcement actions (also referred to as escalated actions) issued in a period of time, most recently, six months. The NUREG has been published to assist licensees in taking action to improve safety by avoiding future violations similar to those described in the publication. The NUREG was also published to comply with Commission direction to distribute a list of persons subject to prohibition orders issued under the Deliberate Misconduct Rule (January 13, 1998; 63 FR 1890).

NUREG-0940 is now published twice a year. It is distributed to all power reactor site managers, approximately 2500 materials licensees, and all of the states. The latest issue of NUREG-0940, Vol. 18, No. 1, published August 1999, contained a total of 847 printed pages.

The Office of Enforcement (OE) has established a Home page on the NRC website (www.nrc.gov/OE). The OE Home page contains information on the OE staff, the current Enforcement Policy, the text of escalated Enforcement Actions issued since 1996, upcoming

predecisional enforcement and regulatory conferences, guidance documents (e.g., the Enforcement Manual and Enforcement Guidance Memoranda (EGMs)), and a discussion of discrimination for raising safety concerns. This site includes links to other related sites and a search capability. All orders that currently prohibit or restrict individuals from employment in licensed activities are posted on the OE Home page.

The Office of Enforcement also publishes an annual report which describes enforcement activities occurring during each fiscal year. The report addresses significant policy changes, highlights significant enforcement actions, and includes summaries of cases involving exercise of discretion, discrimination, and actions involving individuals. Various statistical tables and figures are included. The annual report is also available on the OE Home page.

Discussion

NUREG-0940 was first published as a paper document, as this was the only effective way to communicate with licensees as a group and to give widespread circulation to actions taken by the NRC in enforcing regulatory requirements. Now, escalated actions that are published in the NUREG are also available to licensees and the public on the NRC website, under the Office of Enforcement Home page. All orders are published in the **Federal Register** immediately after issuance, and are also available on the website after publication.

Preparing and publishing NUREG-0940 in paper form is expensive when the cost of paper and postage are taken into account. The NRC believes that the purpose of NUREG-0940 can now be accomplished more effectively and far more efficiently by posting actions promptly on the NRC website. Whereas NUREG-0940 is prepared every six months, and the delay from issuance of an action to publication can be as much as 9 months, posting actions on the Internet is immediate. Continuing to publish material in paper form when the current information is immediately available electronically is not a judicious use of NRC resources. Providing the same information via the Internet is a more effective and efficient method of communicating this information to NRC stakeholders.

For the above reasons, the NRC believes that publication of NUREG-0940 is no longer needed. The next issue will contain a notice that will advise recipients that unless the NRC receives sufficient public comment in

support of continuing this publication, NRC will cease publication with that issue and describe where on the Internet this information can be obtained. The NRC will also accept and consider comments from persons who are not currently on the mailing list. Those comments should be submitted as indicated above.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of June 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

R. William Borchardt,

Director, Office of Enforcement.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-263]

Northern States Power Co.; Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-22, issued to Northern States Power Company (NSP or the licensee) for operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, located in Wright County, Minnesota.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would revise Technical Specification (TS) Chapter 6 to allow use of generic titles for personnel in lieu of plant-specific titles, update the TS table of contents to reflect changes due to the amendment, and correct typographical errors.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated May 4, 2000.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action would provide clarity to the TSs and remove an unnecessary NRC and licensee burden with no increase in safety when titles are changed.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the changes to the TSs are administrative in nature.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site,

and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for Monticello.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on June 22, 2000, the staff consulted with the Minnesota State official, Ms. N. Campbell of the Department of Commerce, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's application dated May 4, 2000, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

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