

Fuel assembly array/class 6x6A fuel pellet diameter ≤ 0.4980 inches
 Fuel assembly array/classes 6x6A and 6x6B fuel rod pitch ≤ 0.710 inches
 Fuel assembly array/classes 6x6A, 6x6B, and 8x8A active fuel length ≤ 120 inches
 Fuel assembly array/classes 6x6A and 6x6B number of fuel rod locations "35 or 36"
 Fuel assembly array/class 8x8A number of fuel rod locations "63 or 64"
 Fuel assembly array/classes 6x6A, 6x6B, and 8x8A number of water rods "1 or 0"
 Fuel assembly array/classes 6x6A, 6x6B, and 8x8A water rod thickness ≥ 0 inches

The staff has also determined that placement of loaded HI-STORM 100 Cask Systems on storage pads with a (1) concrete thickness of less than or equal to 28 inches, (2) concrete compressive strength of less than or equal to 6,000 psi at 28 days, and (3) soil effective modulus of elasticity less than or equal to 16,000 psi does not pose any increased risk to public health and safety. Furthermore, the proposed action now under consideration would not change the potential environmental effects assessed in the initial rulemaking (65 FR 25241, 05/01/00).

Therefore, the staff has determined that there is no reduction in the safety margin nor significant environmental impacts as a result of loading fuel assemblies with the revised characteristics (as specified above) and placing loaded HI-STORM 100 Cask Systems on storage pads with a concrete thickness of less than or equal to 28 inches, concrete compressive strength of less than or equal to 6,000 psi at 28 days, and soil effective modulus of elasticity less than or equal to 16,000 psi.

Alternative to the Proposed Action: Since there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, alternatives with

equal or greater environmental impact are not evaluated. The alternative to the proposed action would be to deny approval of the exemption. Denial of the exemption request will have the same environmental impact.

Agencies and Persons Consulted: On March 20, 2001, Mr. F. Niziolek, Reactor Safety Section Head, Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety, was contacted about the Environmental Assessment for the proposed action and had no comments.

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. Based upon the foregoing EA, the Commission finds that the proposed action of granting an exemption from 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(2)(i)(A), and 72.214 so that EGC may load HI-STORM 100 Cask Systems with revised (as specified above) fuel assembly characteristics and place loaded HI-STORM 100 Cask Systems on concrete storage pads with a concrete thickness of less than or equal to 28 inches, concrete compressive strength of less than or equal to 6,000 psi at 28 days, and soil effective modulus of elasticity less than or equal to 16,000 psi at the Dresden ISFSI will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

The request for exemption was docketed under 10 CFR Part 72, Docket 72-37. For further details with respect to this action, see the exemption requests dated January 11, February 16, and March 2, 2001, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, One White Flint North Building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the publicly available

records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of April 2001.

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

Application for a License To Export Radioactive Waste

Pursuant to 10 CFR 110.70(b)(4) "Public notice of receipt of an application," please take notice that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received the following applications for export licenses. Copies of the applications are available electronically through ADAMS and can be accessed through the Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.htm> at the NRC Homepage.

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene may be filed within 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Any request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene shall be served by the requestor or petitioner upon the applicant, the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555; the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; and the Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

The information concerning the application follows.

NRC EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION

Name of applicant; date of application; date received; application No.	Description of material			Country of destination
	Material type	Total qty.	End use	
Framatome ANP, Richland, Inc., January 26, 2001, February 9, 2001, XW005.	Class A—Radioactive waste (slightly contaminated non-combustibles, consisting of glass/metal/slag).	20 kilograms low enriched uranium (approx. 600 kgs total net weight).	Return of waste material to Germany.	Germany.
Framatome ANP, Richland, Inc., January 26, 2001, February 9, 2001, XW006.	Class A—Radioactive waste (contaminated incinerator ash and noncombustibles consisting of metal).	20 kilograms low enriched uranium (approx. 1500 kgs net weight).	Return of waste material to Germany.	Germany.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Dated this 4th day of April 2001 at
Rockville, Maryland.

Ronald D. Hauber,

*Deputy Director, Office of International
Programs.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Additional Scoping Meeting for the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Notice of additional scoping
meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announces its intent to conduct an additional scoping meeting associated with the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for construction, operation and deactivation of a proposed Mixed Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility (Facility) to be constructed at the Department of Energy's (DOE) Savannah River Site (SRS) in South Carolina. The NRC published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the mixed oxide fuel fabrication facility (NOI) in the **Federal Register** on March 7, 2001 (66 FR 13794). The NOI announced two meetings on April 17 and 18, 2001, in North Augusta, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia, respectively. In addition to these meetings, we will hold a scoping meeting on May 8, 2001, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

DATES: The public scoping process required by the National Environmental Policy Act began with publication of the NOI in the **Federal Register** and continues until May 21, 2001. Written comments submitted by mail should be postmarked by that date to ensure consideration. Comments mailed after that date will be considered to the extent practical.

The public scoping meetings are to assist the NRC in defining the appropriate scope of the EIS, including the significant environmental issues to be addressed. The meeting dates, times and locations are listed below. Prior to the Scoping Meetings, NRC staff will be available to informally discuss the MOX project and answer questions in an "open house" format.

April 17, 2001

North Augusta Community Center, 496
Brookside Drive, North Augusta, SC,

Scoping Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m. to
10:00 p.m., Open House Time: 5:30
p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 18, 2001

Coastal Georgia Center, 305 Martin
Luther King Boulevard, Savannah,
GA, Scoping Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
to 10:00 p.m., Open House Time: 5:30
p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

May 8, 2001

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government
Center, 600 E. Fourth Street,
Charlotte, NC, Scoping Meeting Time:
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Open House
Time: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: To register for a meeting, to provide comments or suggestions on the scope of the EIS, or to make requests for special arrangements to enable participation at scoping meetings (e.g., an interpreter for the hearing impaired), please contact: Tim Harris at (301) 415-6613 or Betty Garrett at (301) 415-5808.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general or technical information pertaining to the proposed MOX Facility, please contact: Tim Johnson at (301) 415-7299 or Andrew Persinko at (301) 415-6522. For general information on the NRC environmental review process, please contact: Jennifer Davis at (301) 415-5874 or Tim Harris at (301) 415-6613.

Availability of Documents for Review

Information and documents associated with the MOX project, including the Duke Cogema Stone & Webster Environmental Report submitted in December 2000, and the Construction Authorization Request, may be obtained from the internet on NRC's MOX web page: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NMSS/MOX/index.html> (case sensitive). In addition, documents are available for public review through our electronic reading room: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. Documents may also be obtained from NRC's Public Document Room at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Public Document Room, Washington, DC 20555.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Scoping Meetings

One purpose of the NOI and this notice is to encourage public involvement in the EIS process and to solicit public comments on the proposed scope and content of the EIS.

Scoping is an early and open process designed to determine the range of actions, alternatives, and potential impacts to be considered in the EIS, and

to identify the significant issues related to the proposed action. It is intended to solicit input from the public and other agencies so that the analysis can be more clearly focused on issues of genuine concern. The principal goals of the scoping process are to:

- Ensure that concerns are identified early and are properly studied;
- Identify alternatives that will be examined;
- Identify significant issues that need to be analyzed;
- Eliminate unimportant issues; and
- Identify public concerns.

Scoping Comments

Written comments may be mailed to Mike Lesar, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop T6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555. Interested parties may e-mail comments to teh@nrc.gov. Comments also will be accepted by fax at 301-415-5398, Attention: Tim Harris.

Following the scoping meetings, NRC will make the scoping summaries available for public review through our electronic reading room: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. The scoping meeting summaries will also be available on the NRC's MOX web page: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NMSS/MOX/index.html> (case sensitive).

The NEPA Process

The EIS for the MOX Facility will be prepared according to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and NRC's NEPA Implementing Regulations (10 CFR part 51).

The draft EIS is scheduled to be published in February 2002. A 45-day comment period on the draft EIS is planned, and public meetings to receive comments will be held approximately three weeks after distribution of the draft EIS. Availability of the draft EIS, the dates of the public comment period, and information about the public meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register**, on NRC's MOX web page, and in the local news media when the draft EIS is distributed. The final EIS, which will incorporate public comments received on the draft EIS, is expected in September 2002.

Signed in Rockville, MD, this 5th day of April 2001.