hereafter in effect and to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission. The terms and conditions of the license are subject to amendment, revision, or modification, by reason of amendments to or by reason of rules, regulations, and orders issued in accordance with the terms of the Atomic Energy Act.

(c) Each license includes the provisions set forth in section 183 b-d, inclusive, of the Atomic Energy Act, whether or not these provisions are expressly set forth in the license.

(d) A license issued under this part includes the provisions set forth in section 114(d) of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, as amended, defining the quantity of solidified high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel, until such time as a second repository is in operation, whether or not these provisions are expressly set forth in the license.

(e) The licensee (Department of Energy) shall ensure that Safeguards Information is protected against unauthorized disclosure in accordance with the requirements in §73.21, and the requirements in §73.22 or §73.23 of this chapter, as applicable, and shall protect classified information in accordance with the requirements of parts 25 and 95 of this chapter, as applicable.


§63.43 License specification.

(a) A license issued under this part includes license conditions derived from the analyses and evaluations included in the application, including amendments made before a license is issued, together with any additional conditions the Commission finds appropriate.

(b) License conditions include items in the following categories:

(1) Restrictions as to the physical and chemical form and radioisotopic content of radioactive waste.

(2) Restrictions as to size, shape, and materials and methods of construction of radioactive waste packaging.

(3) Restrictions as to the amount of waste permitted per unit volume of storage space, considering the physical characteristics of both the waste and the host rock.

(4) Requirements relating to test, calibration, or inspection, to assure that the foregoing restrictions are observed.

(5) Controls to be applied to restrict access and to avoid disturbance to the site and to areas outside the site where conditions may affect compliance with §§63.111 and 63.113.

(6) Administrative controls, which are the provisions relating to organization and management, procedures, recordkeeping, review and audit, and reporting necessary to assure that activities at the facility are conducted in a safe manner and in conformity with the other license specifications.

§63.44 Changes, tests, and experiments.

(a) Definitions for the purposes of this section:

(1) Change means a modification or addition to, or removal from, the geologic repository operations area design or procedures that affects a design function, event sequence, method of performing or controlling the function, or an evaluation that demonstrates that intended functions will be accomplished.

(2) Departure from a method of evaluation described in the Safety Analysis Report (SAR) (as updated) means:

(i) Changing any of the elements of the method described in the SAR (as updated) unless the results of the analysis are conservative or essentially the same; or

(ii) Changing from a method described in the SAR to another method unless that method has been approved by NRC for the intended application, addition or removal.

(3) Safety Analysis Report (SAR) (as updated) means the Safety Analysis Report for the geologic repository, submitted in accordance with §63.21, as updated in accordance with §63.24.

(4) Geologic repository operations area as described in the SAR (as updated) means:

(i) The structures, systems, and components important to safety or barriers important to waste isolation that are described in the SAR (as updated); and
(ii) The design and performance requirements for such structures, systems, and components described in the SAR (as updated).

(5) Procedures as described in the SAR (as updated) means those procedures that contain information described in the SAR (as updated) such as how structures, systems, and components important to safety, or important to waste isolation, are operated or controlled.

(6) Tests or experiments not described in the SAR (as updated) means any condition where the geologic repository operations area or any of its structures, systems, and components important to safety, or important to waste isolation, are utilized, controlled, or altered in a manner which is either:

(i) Outside the reference bounds of the design bases as described in the SAR (as updated); or

(ii) Inconsistent with the analyses or descriptions in the SAR (as updated).

(b)(1) DOE may make changes in the geologic repository operations area as described in the SAR (as updated), make changes in the procedures as described in the SAR (as updated), and conduct tests or experiments not described in the SAR (as updated), without obtaining either an amendment of construction authorization under §63.33 or a license amendment under §63.45, if:

(i) A change in the conditions incorporated in the construction authorization or license is not required; and

(ii) The change, test, or experiment does not meet any of the criteria in paragraph (b)(2) of this section.

(2) DOE shall obtain an amendment of construction authorization under §63.33 or a license amendment under §63.45, before implementing a change, test, or experiment if it would:

(i) Result in more than a minimal increase in the frequency of occurrence of an event sequence previously evaluated in the SAR (as updated);

(ii) Result in more than a minimal increase in the likelihood of occurrence of a malfunction of structures, systems, components important to safety, or important to waste isolation, which were previously evaluated in the SAR (as updated);

(iii) Result in more than a minimal increase in the consequences of an event sequence previously evaluated in the SAR (as updated);

(iv) Result in more than a minimal increase in the consequences of malfunction of structures, systems, components important to safety, or important to waste isolation, which were previously evaluated in the SAR (as updated);

(v) Create the possibility for an event sequence, or of a pathway for release of radionuclides, of a different type than any evaluated previously in the SAR (as updated);

(vi) Create the possibility for a malfunction of structures, systems, and components important to safety, or important to waste isolation, with a different result than any evaluated previously in the SAR (as updated);

(vii) Result in a departure from a method of evaluation described in the SAR (as updated) used in establishing the preclosure safety analysis or the performance assessment.

(3) In implementing this paragraph, the SAR (as updated) is considered to include SAR changes resulting from evaluations performed pursuant to this section and from safety analyses performed under §63.33 or §63.45, as applicable, after the last Safety Analysis Report was updated under §63.24.

(4) The provisions in this section do not apply to changes to the geologic repository operations area or procedures when the applicable regulations establish more specific criteria for accomplishing such changes.

(c)(1) DOE shall maintain records of changes in the geologic repository operations area at the Yucca Mountain site, of changes in procedures, and of tests and experiments made under paragraph (b) of this section. These records must include a written evaluation that provides the bases for the determination that the change, test, or experiment does not require an amendment of construction authorization or license amendment under paragraph (b) of this section.

(2) No less frequently than every 24 months, DOE shall prepare a report containing a brief description of such changes, tests, and experiments, including a summary of the evaluation of each. These written reports must be sent to the NRC using an appropriate
method listed in §63.4; addressed:
ATTN: Document Control Desk; Direc-
tor, Office of Nuclear Material Safety
and Safeguards; U.S. Nuclear Regu-
latory Commission, Washington, DC
20555–001; and DOE shall furnish the re-
port to the appropriate NRC Regional
Office shown in appendix D to part 20 of
this chapter. Any report submitted
under this paragraph must be made a
part of the public record of the licens-
ing proceedings.
(d) Changes to the quality assurance
program description required by
§63.21(c)(20) must be processed in ac-
cordance with §63.144.
[66 FR 55792, Nov. 2, 2001, as amended at 68
FR 58815, Oct. 10, 2003]
§ 63.45 Amendment of license.
(a) An application for amendment of
a license may be filed with the Com-
misson fully describing the changes
desired and following as far as applica-
tible the format prescribed for license
applications.
(b) In determining whether an
amendment of a license will be ap-
proved, the Commission will be guided
by the considerations that govern the
issuance of the initial license, to the
extent applicable.
§ 63.46 Particular activities requiring
license amendment.
(a) Unless expressly authorized in the
license, a license amendment is re-
quired for any of the following activi-
ties:
(1) Any action that would make em-
placed high-level radioactive waste ir-
retrievable or that would substantially
increase the difficulty of retrieving the
emplaced waste;
(2) Dismantling of structures;
(3) Removal or reduction of controls
applied to restrict access to or avoid
disturbance of the site and to areas
outside the site where conditions may
affect compliance with §§63.111 and
63.113;
(4) Destruction or disposal of records
required to be maintained under the
provisions of this part;
(5) Any substantial change to the de-
sign or operating procedures from that
specified in the license, except as au-
thorized in §63.44; and
(6) Permanent closure.
(b) An application for an amendment
must be filed, and will be reviewed, as
specified in §63.45.
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§ 63.47 Facility information and
verification.
(a) In response to a written request
by the Commission, each applicant for
a construction authorization or license
and each recipient of a construction
authorization or a license shall submit
facility information, as described in
§75.10 of this chapter, on Form N–71
and associated forms and site informa-
tion on DOC/NRC Form AP–A and asso-
ciated forms;
(b) As required by the Additional
Protocol, applicants and licensees speci-
fied in paragraph (a) of this section
shall submit location information de-
scribed in §75.11 of this chapter on
DOC/NRC Form AP–1 and associated
forms;
(c) Shall permit verification thereof
by the International Atomic Energy
Agency (IAEA) and take other action
as necessary to implement the US/
IAEA Safeguards Agreement, as de-
scribed in Part 75 of this chapter.
[73 FR 78606, Dec. 23, 2008]
PERMANENT CLOSURE
§ 63.51 License amendment for perma-
nent closure.
(a) DOE shall submit an application
to amend the license before permanent
closure of a geologic repository at the
Yucca Mountain site. The submission
must consist of an update of the license
application submitted under §§63.21 and
63.22, including:
(1) An update of the assessment of
the performance of the geologic reposito-
ry for the period after permanent
closure. The updated assessment must
include any performance confirmation
data collected under the program re-
quired by subpart F, and pertinent to
compliance with §63.113.
(2) A description of the program for
post-permanent closure monitoring of
the geologic repository.
(3) A detailed description of the
means to be employed—such as land
use controls, construction of monu-
ments, and preservation of records—to