

[Notice 95-009]

Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive Patent License**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Grant a Patent License.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice of intent to grant Veatronics Corporation of Charlotte, North Carolina, 28205, a partially exclusive license to practice the invention protected by U.S. Patent Application No. 08/323,943 entitled, "PASSIVE FETAL HEART RATE MONITORING APPARATUS AND METHOD WITH ENHANCED FETAL HEART BEAT DISCRIMINATION" which was filed on October 13, 1994, by the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The partially exclusive license will contain appropriate terms and conditions to be negotiated in accordance with NASA Patent Licensing Regulations (14 CFR part 1245). NASA will negotiate the final terms and conditions and grant the license unless, within 60 days of the date of this notice, the Director of Patent Licensing receives written objections to the grant, together with supporting documentation. The Director of Patent Licensing will review all written responses to this notice and then recommend to the Associate General Counsel (Intellectual Property) whether to grant the license.

DATES: Comments to the notice must be received by March 31, 1995.**ADDRESSES:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Code GP, Washington, DC 20546.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Harry Lupuloff, NASA, Director of Patent Licensing, (202) 358-2041.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Proposed Generic Communication Supplement 5 to Generic Letter 88-20, "Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities"****AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Notice of opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to issue Supplement 5 to Generic Letter 88-20, "Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities." This draft generic letter supplement (1) notifies addressees about proposed modifications in the seismic IPEEE scope for the focused-scope and full-scope plants and (2) provides guidance to licensees who wish to voluntarily modify their previously committed seismic IPEEE programs. NRC is seeking comment from interested parties regarding both the technical and regulatory aspects of this proposed generic letter supplement, which is presented under the Supplementary Information heading. This proposed generic letter supplement and supporting documentation were discussed in meeting number 267 of the Committee to Review Generic Requirements (CRGR) on December 13, 1994. The relevant information that was sent to CRGR to support their review of the proposed generic letter is available in the Public Document Rooms under accession number 9412290183. NRC will consider comments received from interested parties in the final evaluation of the proposed generic letter supplement. The final evaluation by NRC will include a review of the technical position and, when appropriate, an analysis of the value/impact on licensees. Should this generic letter supplement be issued by NRC, it will become available for public inspection in the Public Document Rooms.

DATES: Comment period expires March 1, 1995. Comments submitted after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except for comments received on or before this date.**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Written comments may also be delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 am to 4:15 pm, Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John T. Chen, (301) 415-6549.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****NRC Generic Letter 88-20, Supplement 5: Individual Plant Examination of External Events for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities****Addressees**

All holders of operating licenses or construction permits for nuclear power reactors.

Purpose

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this generic letter to (1) notify addressees about proposed modifications in the recommended scope of seismic reviews which are performed as part of an individual plant examination of external events (IPEEEs) for the focused-scope and full-scope plants and (2) give guidance to licensees who wish to voluntarily modify their previously committed seismic IPEEE programs.

Background

On June 28, 1991, NRC issued Generic Letter 88-20, Supplement 4, "Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities," (Reference 1), and NUREG-1407F, "Procedural and Submittal Guidance for the Individual Plant Examination of External Events (IPEEE) for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities: Final Report," (Reference 2). The generic letter requested all licensees to perform an IPEEE to find plant-specific vulnerabilities to severe accidents caused by external events and report the results to NRC. Section 4.1 of Reference 1 and Chapter 3 of Reference 2 address the seismic portion of the IPEEE. The lists of review level earthquakes (RLEs) and review scope defined by the staff for all U.S. sites are presented in Appendix 3 of Reference 1. Plants in the central and eastern U.S. have been assigned to appropriate review categories (plant bins) primarily according to comparison of available seismic hazard results. The hazard results used in the binning process included those published in 1989 by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) (Reference 3) and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) (Reference 4). NRC established relative groups because of the large inherent uncertainties in the probabilistic estimation of seismic hazard (Appendix A to Reference 2). Using this approach, the staff compared the relative seismic hazard of the 69 central and eastern U.S. plant sites, and assigned each plant into one of four categories for the seismic margins method (Reduced-Scope, 0.3g Focused-Scope, 0.3g Full-Scope, and 0.5g bin). Two plants in the 0.5g bin