

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, NRC staff, their consultants, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Paul A. Boehnert (telephone 301/415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one to two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the proposed agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: February 1, 1995.

Sam Duraismamy,

Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.

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[Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362]

Southern California Edison Co.; San Diego Gas and Electric Co.; the City of Riverside, California; the City of Anaheim, California; and San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units Nos. 2 and 3

Notice is hereby given that the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering approval under 10 CFR 50.80 of the proposed corporate restructuring of San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), one of the co-owners of San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3. By letter dated November 11, 1994, Richard A. Meserve of Covington & Burling, Counsel for SDG&E, informed the Commission that a corporate restructuring of SDG&E has been proposed that will result in the creation of a holding company under the temporary name SDO Parent Co., Inc. ("Parent Company") of which SDG&E would become a subsidiary. Under the restructuring, the holders of SDG&E common stock will become the holders of common stock of the Parent Company on a share-by-share basis. After the restructuring, SDG&E will continue to be a public utility providing the same

utility services as it did immediately prior to the reorganization. SDG&E will continue to be a licensee of the San Onofre units, and no transfer of the operating licenses or interests in the units will result from the restructuring. Control of the operating licenses for the San Onofre units, now held by SDG&E and its co-owners, will remain with SDG&E and the same owners and will not be affected by the restructuring.

Pursuant to 10 CFR part 80, the Commission may approve the transfer of control of a license, after notice to interested persons. Such action is contingent upon the Commission's determination that the holder of the license and the transfer of such control is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders of the Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of January 1995.

Mel B. Fields,

Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-2, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 71st meeting on February 21-22, 1995, in Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of portions that may be closed to discuss information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and to project information provided in confidence by a foreign source pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, February 21, 1995—8:30 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 22, 1995—8:30 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

During this Meeting the Committee plans to consider the following:

A. Proposed EPA Standards for Land Disposal of Low-Level Radioactive Waste—The Committee will hear presentations and hold discussions with representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency and NRC staff on the pre-proposal version of a standard for land disposal of low-level waste. The emphasis will be on commercial disposal.

B. Meet with the Director, NRC's Division of Waste Management, NMSS—

The Director will provide information to the Committee on current waste management issues: issues may include groundwater travel time associated with a mined geologic disposal system, a branch technical position on low-level radioactive waste and key technical uncertainties associated with high-level waste disposal.

C. Review Draft Regulatory Guide DG-3009—The Committee will review, "Topical Guidelines For The Licensing Support System." The Licensing Support System is an electronic information management system designed to provide for the entry of the access to potentially relevant licensing information.

D. Model Validation—The NRC staff will discuss perspectives from a joint coordination effort between the NRC and the Swedish Nuclear Power Inspectorate on validation strategies for computer models and conceptual models. Portions may be closed to protect information provided in confidence by a foreign source pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

E. Preparation of ACNW Reports—The Committee may prepare reports on issues considered during this meeting and possible additional topics such as safety goals applicable to nuclear waste disposal and generic issues involving the direction of radioactive waste research.

F. Lessons Learned From the Attempt to Site a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility in Martinsville, Illinois—The Committee will hold a discussion with individuals formerly associated with the Illinois Siting Commission to gain their perspective on the Martinsville experience.

G. Meeting with NRC Commissioner de Planque—The Committee will meet with Commissioner de Planque to discuss items of interest. Topics might include: the use of multipurpose canisters in high-level radioactive waste disposal, the role of expert judgment in high-level waste disposal, and DOE's program approach for site suitability at Yucca Mountain.

H. Meeting with the Director, NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research—The Committee will take part in a discussion with the Director on his vision of safety research over the coming ten years with a focus on radioactive waste disposal.

I. Committee Activities/Future Agenda—The Committee will consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and working groups. The Committee will also discuss organizational and personnel matters related to ACNW members and ACNW staff. A portion of this session may be

closed to public attendance to discuss information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

J. Miscellaneous—Discuss miscellaneous matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and organizational activities and complete discussion of matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 7, 1994 (59 FR 51219). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the ACNW Executive Director, Dr. John T. Larkins, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the ACNW Executive Director prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the ACNW Executive Director if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the ACNW Executive Director, Dr. John T. Larkins (telephone 301/415-7360), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. EST.

Dated: February 3, 1995.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Freedom of Employees in the Nuclear Industry To Raise Safety Concerns Without Fear of Retaliation; Draft Policy Statement

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft statement of policy.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is issuing this draft policy statement for public comment. The draft policy statement emphasizes the importance that the Commission places on maintaining a quality-conscious environment in which all employees in the nuclear industry feel free to raise safety concerns, both to their management and to the NRC, without fear of retaliation. The responsibility for maintaining this type of an environment rests with each NRC licensee, as well as with contractors, subcontractors and employees in the nuclear industry. This policy statement would be applicable to licensed activities of all NRC licensees and their contractors and subcontractors.

DATES: The comment period expires April 10, 1995. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: *Submit written comments to:* Secretary, Attn: Docketing and Service Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Hand deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 am and 4:15 pm, 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: James Lieberman, Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, (301) 504-2741.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NRC licensees have the primary responsibility to ensure the safety of nuclear operations. Identification and communication of potential safety concerns¹ and the freedom of employees to raise such concerns is an integral part of carrying out this responsibility.

¹ Throughout this notice, the terms "concerns," "a safety problem," or "safety concerns" refer to concerns associated with issues within the Commission's jurisdiction, whether or not a violation of NRC requirements is involved.

In the past, employees have raised important issues and as a result, the public health and safety has benefited. Although the Commission recognizes that not every concern raised by employees is safety significant or, for that matter, is valid, the Commission concludes that it is important that licensees' management establish an environment in which safety issues are promptly identified and effectively resolved and in which employees feel free to raise concerns.

Although hundreds of concerns are raised and resolved daily in the nuclear industry, the Commission, on occasion, receives reports of individuals being retaliated against for raising concerns. This retaliation is unacceptable and unlawful. In addition to the hardship caused to the individual employee, the perception by fellow workers that raising concerns has resulted in retaliation can generate a chilling effect that may discourage other workers from raising concerns. A reluctance on the part of employees to raise concerns is detrimental to nuclear safety.

As a result of questions raised about NRC's efforts to address retaliation against individuals who raise health and safety concerns, the Commission established a review team in 1993 to reassess the NRC's program for protecting allegers against retaliation. In its report (NUREG-1499, "Reassessment of the NRC's Program for Protecting Allegers Against Retaliation," January 7, 1994) the review team made numerous recommendations, including several recommendations that addressed the need to encourage responsible licensee action with regard to encouraging a quality-conscious environment in which to raise safety concerns (recommendations II.A-1, II.A-2, and II.A-4). This policy statement is being issued after considering those recommendations and the bases for them. The policy statement and the principles set forth in it are intended to apply to licensed activities of all NRC licensees and their contractors,² although it is recognized that some of the suggestions, programs, or steps that might be taken to improve the quality of the work environment (e.g., establishment of an employee concerns program) may not be practical or may not be needed for very small licensees that have only a few employees and a very simple management structure.

² Throughout this Notice, the term "contractor" includes contractors and subcontractors of licensees.