

material, notify Dr. D. Blair Spitzberg, Chief, Nuclear Materials Licensing Branch, NRC, Region IV, by telephone (817-860-8191) so that the NRC may, if it elects, observe the transfer of the material to the authorized recipient.

E. Within seven days following completion of the transfer, provide to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, in writing, under oath or affirmation: (1) Confirmation on NRC Form 314, as required by 10 CFR 30.36(c) at the time the License expired, that the cesium-137 and americium-241:beryllium byproduct material have been transferred, (2) the last date that the byproduct material was used, (3) a copy of the survey performed in accordance with 10 CFR 30.36, as required by the regulation at the time the License expired, and (4) a copy of the certification from the authorized recipient that the source has been received.

Copies of the response to this Order shall be sent to the Regional Administrator, Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Dr., Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011-8064, and to the Assistant General Counsel for Hearings and Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

After reviewing your response, the NRC will determine whether further action is necessary to ensure compliance with NRC requirements.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 24th day of March 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Hugh L. Thompson, Jr.,**

*Deputy Executive Director for Nuclear Materials Safety, Safeguards, and Operations Support.*

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**[License No. 19089-01]**

**Advanced Medical Systems, Inc;  
Notice of Amendment to Byproduct  
Materials and Opportunity for Hearing**

This provides notice to the public that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a license amendment to Byproduct Material License No. 34-19089-01 issued to Advanced Medical Systems, Inc. for possession and use of byproduct material, cobalt-60 and cesium-137, at the licensee's Cleveland, Ohio facility. The licensee requested the amendment by letter dated March 1, 1995, to establish plans and schedules for (1) dealing with the accumulation of ground water in and around the AMS facility basement and that stored in above ground tanks, (2) immobilizing and/or remediating contamination that

has collected in below ground sewage piping and manholes, and (3) processing ground water that may build up around the facility in the future. The amendment requires that these activities begin immediately and be completed within 90 days. The license amendment references letters from the licensee dated January 27, February 2, 10, 14, and March 1, 3, 8, and 10, 1995.

The NRC hereby provides notice and an opportunity for a hearing on the license amendment under the provisions of 10 CFR part 2, subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." Pursuant to Section 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with section 2.1205(c). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

(1) By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Docketing and Service Branch.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

(1) The interest of the requestor in the proceeding;

(2) How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(g);

(3) The requestor's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

(4) The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(c).

Each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail to:

(1) The licensee, Advanced Medical Systems, Inc., to the attention of Seymour S. Stein, Ph.D., President, 121 North Eagle Street, Geneva, Oh 44041; and

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville

Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's request for license amendment dated March 1, 1995, and the letters referenced above, which are available for inspection at the Commission's Region III Office, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois.

Dated: at Lisle, Illinois, this 24th day of March, 1995.

**John A Grobe,**

*Chief, Nuclear Materials Inspection, Section 2, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards, RIII.*

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**[Docket No. 50-416]**

**Entergy Operations, Inc.; Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations to Facility Operating License No. NPF-29, issued to Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee), for operation of the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1 (GGNS), located in Claiborne County, Mississippi.

**Environmental Assessment**

*Identification of Proposed Action*

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated October 24, 1994, for exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for physical protection of licensed activities in nuclear power reactors against radiological sabotage." The exemption would allow implementation of a hand geometry biometric system for site access control such that picture badges and access control cards for certain non-employees can be taken offsite.

*The Need for the Proposed Action*

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55, paragraph (a), the licensee shall establish and maintain an onsite physical protection system and security organization.

10 CFR 73.55(d), "Access Requirements," paragraph (1), specifies that "licensee shall control all points of personnel and vehicle access into a protected area." 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) specifies that "A numbered picture badge identification system shall be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escort." 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) also states that an individual not employed

by the licensee (i.e., contractors) may be authorized access to protected areas without escort provided the individual "receives a picture badge upon entrance into the protected area which must be returned upon exit from the protected area \* \* \*"

Currently, employee and contractor identification badges, coupled with their associated access control cards, are issued and retrieved on the occasion of each entry to and exit from the protected areas of the Grand Gulf site. Station security personnel are required to maintain control of the badges while the individuals are offsite. This practice has been in effect at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station since the operating license was issued. Security personnel retain each identification badge, as well as the associated access control card, when not in use by the authorized individual, within appropriately designed storage receptacles inside a bullet-resistant enclosure. An individual who meets the access authorization requirements is issued an individual picture identification card and an individual access control card which allows entry into preauthorized areas of the station. While entering the plant in the present configuration, an authorized individual is "screened" by the required detection equipment and by the issuing security officer. Having received the badge, the individual proceeds to the access portal, inserts the access control card into the card reader, enters a personal identification number (PIN), and passes through the turnstile which unlocks if the preset criteria are met. Once inside the station, the individual's PIN is not required in order to further utilize the access authorization card.

This present procedure is labor intensive since security personnel are required to verify badge issuance, ensure badge retrieval, and maintain the badges in orderly storage until the next entry into the protected area. The regulations permit employees to remove their badges from the site, but an exemption from 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) is required to permit contractors to take their badges offsite instead of returning them when exiting the site.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the licensee's application. Under the proposed system, all individuals authorized to gain unescorted access will have the physical characteristics of their hand (hand geometry) recorded with their badge number. Since the hand geometry is unique to each individual and its application in the entry screening

function would preclude unauthorized use of a badge, the requested exemption would allow employees and contractors to keep their badges at the time of existing the protected area. The process of verifying badge issuance, ensuring badge retrieval, and maintaining badges could be eliminated while the balance of the access procedure would remain intact. Firearm, explosive, and metal detection equipment and provisions for conducting searches will remain as well. The security officer responsible for the last access control function (controlling admission to the protected area) will also remain isolated within a bullet-resistant structure in order to assure his or her ability to respond or to summon assistance.

Use of a hand geometry biometrics system exceeds the present verification methodology's capability to discern an individual's identity. Unlike the photograph identification badge, hand geometry is nontransferable. During the initial access authorization or registration process, hand measurements are recorded and the template is stored for subsequent use in the identity verification process required for entry into the protected area. Authorized individuals insert their access authorization card into card reader and the biometrics system records an image of the hand geometry. The unique features of the newly recorded image are then compared to the template previously stored in the database. Access is ultimately granted based on the degree to which the characteristics of the image match those of the "signature" template.

Since both the badge and hand geometry would be necessary for access into the protected area, the proposed system would provide for a positive verification process. Potential loss of a badge by an individual, as a result of taking the badge offsite, would not enable an unauthorized entry into protected areas.

The access process will continue to be under the observation of security personnel. The system of identification badges coupled with their associated access control cards will continue to be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escorts. Badges will continue to be displayed by all individuals while inside the protected area. Addition of a hand geometry biometrics system will provide a significant contribution to effective implementation of the security plan at each site.

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be

released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does involve features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Alternative to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action are similar.

#### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statements related to operation of Grand Gulf Nuclear Station, Unit 1.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, the staff consulted with the Mississippi State official regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

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

For further details with respect to this proposed action, see the request for exemption dated May 27, 1994, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Judge George W. Armstrong Library, 220 S. Commerce Street, Natchez, Mississippi 39120.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 27th day of March 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Paul W. O'Connor,**

*Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-1, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulations.*

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### **Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee; Meeting of Waste Subcommittee**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

The NSRRC Waste Subcommittee will hold a meeting on May 1, 1995 in Room C-103, Main Building, Department of Energy Federal Building, 2753 South Highland, Las Vegas, Nevada.

The meeting will be open to public attendance.

The subject of review will be research addressed to assessing the safety of high-level waste disposal.

The agenda will be as follows:

- 8:00-8:15—Introductory remarks.
- 8:15-9:45—Research program overview.
- 10:00-12:00—Review of key technical uncertainties and their relationship to specific research projects (regional hydrologic processes, rock mechanics, performance assessment).
- 1:15-5:30—Review of key technical uncertainties and their relationship to specific research projects, continued (geochemical natural analogs, sorption mechanisms, integrated waste package experiments, tectonics, volcanic systems).
- 5:30-6:00—Subcommittee discussion.

The Subcommittee will report to the full Committee on the facts and analyses discussed at the meeting.

A detailed agenda will be made available at the meeting.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Subcommittee. Questions may be asked only by members of the Committee and the staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff member named below as far in advance as is practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee 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 NRC staff and NRC contractors regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefore can be obtained by a prepaid telephone call to Mr. George Sege (telephone 301/415-6593) between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two business days before the scheduled meeting to be advised of any changes in schedule, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: March 27, 1995.

**George Sege,**

*Technical Assistant to the Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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### **All Licensees; Receipt of Petition for Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206**

Notice is hereby given that by a letter dated March 8, 1995 from Thomas J. Saporito, Jr., to the Executive Director for Operations, the NRC received a Petition under 10 CFR 2.206 requesting that all licensees be required to review their operating procedures in order to ascertain whether those procedures place any restrictions on the ability of employees to bring safety concerns directly to the NRC without following the normal chain of command. The Petition requests that each licensee be required to report to the Commission, under oath or affirmation, that the review has been completed, that its employees are free to bring concerns to the NRC without following the normal chain of command, and that this information has been communicated to all of its employees.

Petitioner's request is being considered pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. Action will be taken on these requests within a reasonable time. A copy of the Petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 23rd day of March 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Joseph R. Gray,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Enforcement.*

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### **Draft Report on Responsiveness to the Public; Availability**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published its Draft Report on Responsiveness to the Public. It has been a long-standing policy of the NRC to conduct its business activities in an open and public manner, and in recent years NRC has moved to be even more open and responsive to the public. The public is defined as individual citizens, public interest groups, petitioners, licensees, industry groups, contractors, the Congress, and others with whom NRC does business.

Recent initiatives to be more responsive to the public have included increased use of public workshops for rulemaking activities, participatory rulemaking, a pilot program opening enforcement conferences to the public, surveys of licensees to identify ways to reduce the regulatory burden on licensees, and the Cost Beneficial Licensing Action Program. While these initiatives represent significant improvements, the NRC has not heretofore given responsiveness to the public priority attention in all NRC programs nor had there been a systematic review of NRC business activities to identify potential improvements.

The National Performance Review has placed new emphasis on Federal agencies "placing the customer first." More can be done to broaden and institutionalize public responsiveness and openness as an underpinning tenet of how NRC does business. In this spirit, on July 27, 1994, the Executive Director for Operations launched the Public Responsiveness Initiative asking NRC program directors to identify the business activities where public interaction is relatively frequent and to develop Public Responsiveness Improvement Plans. The draft report reflects the initial results of that effort and contains improvement plans prepared by the offices. The improvement plans are being published for public comment so that NRC can consider comments and make adjustments and improvements in the plans as implementation proceeds.

Those considering public comment may obtain a free single copy of draft NUREG/BR-0199 by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Administration, Printing and Mail