

Assurance of Equipment Operability and Containment Integrity During Design-Basis Accident Conditions; Issued

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Generic Letter 96-06 to notify all licensees of nuclear power reactors about several safety-significant issues that have been identified as a result of recent NRC inspection activities, licensee notifications, and event reports, and that warrant action by the NRC to assure that they have been adequately addressed and resolved; these issues include:

(1) Cooling water systems serving the containment air coolers may be exposed to the hydrodynamic effects of waterhammer during either a loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) or a main steamline break (MSLB). These cooling water systems were not designed to withstand the hydrodynamic effects of waterhammer and corrective actions may be needed to satisfy system design and operability requirements.

(2) Cooling water systems serving the containment air coolers may experience two-phase flow conditions during postulated LOCA and MSLB scenarios. The heat removal assumptions for design-basis accident scenarios were based on single-phase flow conditions. Corrective actions may be needed to satisfy system design and operability requirements.

(3) Thermally induced overpressurization of isolated water-filled piping sections in containment could jeopardize the ability of accident-mitigating systems to perform their safety functions, and could also lead to a breach of containment integrity via bypass leakage. Corrective actions may be needed to satisfy system operability requirements.

This generic letter requests that licensees determine the susceptibility of their facility containment air cooler cooling water systems to either waterhammer or two-phase flow conditions during postulated accident conditions, determine the susceptibility of piping systems that penetrate the containment to thermal expansion of fluid and overpressurization, and assess the operability of affected systems and take corrective action, as appropriate to satisfy system design and operability requirements. Licensees are also required to submit a written response. This generic letter is available in the NRC Public Document Room under accession number 9609250096.

DATES: The generic letter was issued on September 30, 1996.

ADDRESSEES: Not applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James E. Tatum at (301) 415-2805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The actions requested in this generic letter are considered compliance backfits under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.109 and existing NRC procedures to ensure that containment integrity is maintained, that safety-related components and piping systems are capable of performing their intended safety functions and satisfying their licensing-basis code criteria, respectively, and that containment integrity and safety-related piping systems and components are not adversely affected by the occurrence of waterhammer, two-phase flow, or thermal overpressurization that may occur in safety-related and non-safety-related systems that penetrate containment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of September, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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POSTAL SERVICE

Privacy Act of 1974, System of Records

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of revisions and addition of new routine uses applicable to two existing systems of records and deletion of one system of records by incorporation into them.

SUMMARY: This document publishes notice of modifications to three Postal Service systems of records. The systems are similar in character in that they contain records relating to indemnity claims filed and inquiries made by customers using certain domestic and international postal services such as insured, collect on delivery (COD), registered, Express Mail, and ordinary mail. The modifications: (1) Delete one system of records by including those records in two other systems covering records kept for the same purpose; (2) add routine uses to the remaining two systems of records; (3) amend one of those systems to reflect the maintenance of COD claim and inquiry records; and (4) make clarifying editorial changes, such as organization name changes. The

routine uses allow the Postal Service to discuss, as necessary, a claim with the sender or addressee of a mailpiece, with an expert consultant, and, in the case of an international claim, with an authority from a foreign postal administration. This notice complies with subsection (e)(11) of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), which require agencies to publish advance notice of any new use of information in a system of records.

DATES: This proposal will become effective without further notice on November 13, 1996 unless comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this proposal should be mailed or delivered to Payroll Accounting/Records, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 8650, Washington, DC 20260-5243. Copies of all written comments will be available at the above address for public inspection and photocopying between 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dolores M. Gentry, (202) 268-3212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Privacy Act system of records USPS 160.030, Special Mail Services-Express Mail Service Insurance Claims for Loss, Delay and Damage, was established for the primary purpose of serving as a source of information for the adjudication of Express Mail insurance claims whenever such claims are filed by customers. Records contained within this system are similar in nature and kept for the same purpose as those contained in Privacy Act systems of records USPS 160.010, Special Mail Services-Insured and Registered Domestic Mail Inquiry and Application for Indemnity Records, and in USPS 160.020, Special Mail Services-Insured and Registered Ordinary international Mail Inquiry and Application for Indemnity Records. This notice proposes elimination of system of records USPS 160.030 by incorporating the domestic Express Mail and international Express Mail insurance claims and inquiry records into USPS 160.010 and USPS 160.020, respectively.

Privacy Act system of records USPS 160.010 is being modified to reflect the maintenance of COD claims and inquiry records. COD is a service used by mailers to mail an article for which they have not paid, and have the price of the article and the cost of the postage collected by the Postal Service from the recipient. In addition, two new routine uses are proposed for both USPS 160.010 and USPS 160.020. Routine use