

warrant the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. Accordingly, it has been determined that a finding of no significant impact is appropriate.

The Environmental Assessment, the license amendment application, and other documents related to this proposed action are available for public inspection and copying at the Commission's public document room in NRC's Region IV office, Harris Tower, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011-8064, and in NRC's headquarters public document room, Gelman Building, 2120 L St., NW., Washington, DC 20037.

### Opportunity for a Hearing

Based on the EA and accompanying safety evaluation, NRC is preparing to amend License SNM-696. The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for amendment of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedure for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules and practice for domestic licensing processing in 10 CFR part 2. Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with § 2.1205(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of this publication of the **Federal Register** notice.

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

1. By delivery to the Docketing and Service Branch of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, MD 20852-2738; or

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

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR part 2 of 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 requester in the proceeding;
2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including reasons why the requested should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(h);
3. The requester'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(d).

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.1205(f), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail to:

1. The applicant, General Atomics, 3550 General Atomics Court, San Diego, CA 92121-1194; Attention: Dr. Keith E. Asmussen; and

2. The NRC staff, by delivering to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Any hearing that is requested and granted will be held in accordance with the NRC's Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Material Licensing Proceedings in 10 CFR part 2, subpart L. Questions with respect to this action should be referred to NRC's project manager for General Atomics, Charles Gaskin, at (301) 415-8116 or via Internet at [ceg1@nrc.gov](mailto:ceg1@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Md., this 20th day of April 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Notice of Availability of Draft NUREG-1628 "Staff Responses to Frequently Asked Questions Concerning Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Reactors"

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of NUREG-1628, "Staff Responses to Frequently Asked Question Concerning Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Reactors," a draft report for comment dated April 1998.

This document, through a question-and-answer format, provides information to the public on decommissioning. The questions were taken from a variety of sources over the past several years, including written inquiries and questions asked at public meetings and during informal discussions with the NRC staff. The document was prepared in response to (1) the increase in the number of power reactors beginning the decommissioning process, (2) recent changes in the decommissioning regulations, and (3) a perceived lack of information available to members of the public on decommissioning. This document is being issued for public comment. As a

result of comments received from the members of the public, the final document may be modified.

The report contains information on the following topics as they relate to decommissioning: definition of decommissioning, decommissioning alternatives, decommissioning experience in the U.S. regulation of decommissioning, low-level waste storage and disposal of wastes associated with facility storage and decommissioning, high-level waste storage and disposal, license termination, hazards associated with decommissioning, financing, and public involvement during the decommissioning process.

Draft NUREG-1628 is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, (Lower Level), Washington, D.C. A free single copy of the draft NUREG-1628 may be requested by writing to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Reproduction, and Distribution and Inventory Services Section, Washington, DC 20555-0001 or by faxing a request to 301-415-2289. For further information contact, John L. Minns, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-3166.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of April 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Cumulative Report on Rescissions and Deferrals

April 1, 1998.

This report is submitted in fulfillment of the requirement of Section 1014(e) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-344). Section 1014(e) requires a monthly report listing all budget authority for the current fiscal year for which, as of the first day of the month, a special message had been transmitted to Congress.

This report gives the status, as of April 1, 1998, of 24 rescission proposals and eight deferrals contained in two special messages for FY 1998. These