

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Renewal Notice**

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of renewal of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste for a period of two years.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that renewal of the Charter for the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste for the two year period commencing on May 29, 1998, is in the public interest in connection with duties imposed on the Commission by law. This action is being taken in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste is to provide advice to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) on nuclear waste disposal facilities, as directed by the Commission. This includes 10 CFR parts 60 and 61 and other applicable regulations and legislative mandates. In performing its work, the Committee will examine and report on those areas of concern referred to it by the Commission and may undertake studies and activities on its own initiative, as appropriate. Emphasis will be on protecting the public health and safety in the disposal of nuclear waste. The Committee will interact with representatives of NRC, ACRS, other federal agencies, state and local agencies, Indian Tribes, and private, international and other organizations as appropriate to fulfill its responsibilities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: John T. Larkins, Executive Director of the Committee, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-7360.

Dated: May 29, 1998.

Andrew L. Bates,
Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Loss of Reactor Coolant Inventory and Associated Potential for Loss of Emergency Mitigation Functions While in a Shutdown Condition; Issue**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Generic Letter (GL) 98-02 to all holders of operating licenses for pressurized-water reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel, to request that addressees (1) assess the susceptibility of their residual heat removal (RHR) and emergency core cooling (ECC) systems to common-cause failure as a result of reactor coolant system (RCS) draindown while in a shutdown condition, and (2) submit certain information, pursuant to § 50.54(f) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR 50.54(f)), concerning their findings regarding potential pathways for inadvertent RCS drain-down and the suitability of surveillance, maintenance, modification and operating practices and procedures regarding configuration control during reactor shutdown cooling.

The generic letter is available in the NRC Public Document Room under accession number 9805050197.

DATES: The generic letter was issued on May 28, 1998.

ADDRESSEES: Not applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Muhammad M. Razzaque, at (301) 415-2882.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This generic letter does not constitute a backfit as defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) since it does not impose modifications of or additions to structures, systems or components or to design or operation of an addressee's facility. It also does not impose an interpretation of the Commission's rules that is either new or different from a previous staff position. The staff, therefore, has not performed a backfit analysis.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of May 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jack W. Roe,
Acting Director, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**NRC Incident Response Function Self-Assessment; Public Meeting**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The NRC staff will solicit public comment regarding the Incident Response Function and suggestions for initiatives that will improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Incident Response Function.

DATES: June 16, 1998.

TIME: 1 pm-5 pm.

ADDRESSES: 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville Maryland 20852. Room T-9A1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart Rubin, Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555, Telephone (301) 415-7477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1995, the NRC conducted a review of NRC's major regulatory functions to identify potential candidate programs for improved efficiency. The review was conducted in connection with the National Performance Review for Reinventing Government (NPR). In all, seven programs were recommended in NRC's NPR task force report, SECY-95-154, as warranting further detailed review for efficiency improvement. One of the programs identified was the Incident Response Program. The Commission responded that the identified programs should be considered as part of the NRC's Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative. The specific efficiencies identified in SECY-95-154 for the Incident Response Program were considered by the staff and either were implemented or are in the process of being implemented, as appropriate.

In assessing the NRC's Incident Response Function, the NRC's Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative, the "related strategic issues" that will be considered by the Self Assessment are: (1) What measures should NRC take to maintain a sufficient planning and response capability for the Nuclear Industry, State and local authorities, and the Federal Government in the face of growing economic pressure and improving safety performance? (2) Is the degree of NRC incident response capability for materials and fuel facility emergencies consistent with the risk associated with the activities?

The overall goal and primary focus of the Incident Response Function Self-