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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 60

RIN 3150-AE40

Clarification of the Assessment Requirements for the Siting Criteria and Performance Objectives

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule: Withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is withdrawing a proposed rule that would clarify uncertainties in regulations that contain generic criteria governing the disposal of high-level radioactive wastes (HLW) in geologic repositories. Because the NRC is developing site-specific disposal regulations for Yucca Mountain, Nevada, consistent with the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (EnPA), the proposed rule is being withdrawn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet P. Kotra, Performance Assessment and High-Level Waste Integration Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738. Telephone 301/415-6674. E-mail JPK@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Existing NRC regulations at 10 CFR part 60, initially issued in 1983, contain generic criteria governing the disposal of HLW in a geologic repository. On July 9, 1993 (58 FR 36902), the NRC published, for public comment, proposed amendments intended to clarify certain regulatory uncertainties in those regulations related to the investigation and evaluation of potentially adverse conditions at potential repository sites. The public comment period ended on October 7, 1993.

In anticipation of the results of a National Academy of Science (NAS) study undertaken in response to the EnPA, as well as Congressional activity

with respect to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, as amended, the Commission decided not to issue a final rule and directed the NRC staff to withdraw the proposed rulemaking and reconsider the need for it when the legislative environment had stabilized. The purpose of this **Federal Register** notice is to announce the NRC's withdrawal of this proposed rule.

At present, the NRC staff has considered and is implementing a strategy for developing site-specific disposal regulations that would apply solely to the proposed geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, and is deferring the updating of 10 CFR part 60 generic requirements to a later date. These site-specific regulations will be promulgated consistent with EnPA, which also requires the Environmental Protection Agency to issue radiation standards for a geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, based on and consistent with the 1995 findings and recommendations of the NAS. A proposed rule will be published for public comment by the end of the calendar year.

The NRC staff's strategy for developing the site-specific disposal regulations for Yucca Mountain can be found in a Commission Paper, designated SECY-97-300, that is dated December 24, 1997. This strategy was approved by the Commission in an SRM dated March 6, 1998. The Commission Paper, the SRM, and associated documents are available for public inspection and/or copying at the NRC Public Document Room located at 2120 L Street (lower level), NW, Washington, DC 20012-7082. Telephone: 202-512-2249.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of August, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John C. Hoyle,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 98-NM-217-AD]

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Airworthiness Directives; British Aerospace Model Viscount 744, 745, 745D, and 810 Series Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document proposes the superseding of an existing airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to all British Aerospace Model Viscount 700, 800, and 810 series airplanes, that currently requires repetitive inspections to detect cracks and corrosion in the inboard and outboard engine nacelle structures on the wings; replacement of any cracked fittings and mating struts; and treatment or replacement of any corroded fittings or struts. This action would require repetitive inspections to detect cracking or corrosion of the eye end fittings of the outboard engine lower support or of the bore of the taper pin holes, and repair, if necessary. This action also would limit the applicability of the existing AD. This proposal is prompted by reports of cracked and separated lower eye end fittings. The actions specified by the proposed AD are intended to detect and correct cracking of the eye end fittings of the outboard engine lower support, which could result in reduced structural integrity of the engine nacelle support structures.

DATES: Comments must be received by October 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments in triplicate to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Transport Airplane Directorate, ANM-114, Attention: Rules Docket No. 98-NM-217-AD, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, Washington 98055-4056. Comments may be inspected at this location between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The service information referenced in the proposed rule may be obtained from British Aerospace Regional Aircraft Limited, Chadderton Division, Engineering Support, Greengate,