

Commission) in accordance with 10 CFR Part 72 requesting the amendment of the Prairie Island independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) license (SNM-2506) and the Technical Specifications for the ISFSI located in Goodhue County, Minnesota. NSP is seeking Commission approval to amend the materials license and the ISFSI Technical Specifications to allow storage of burnable poison rod assemblies and thimble plug devices in the TN-40 storage casks at the Prairie Island ISFSI.

This application was docketed under 10 CFR Part 72; the ISFSI Docket No. is 72-10 and will remain the same for this action. The amendment of an ISFSI license is subject to the Commission's approval.

The Commission may issue either a notice of hearing or a notice of proposed action and opportunity for hearing in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(1) or, if a determination is made that the amendment does not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected, take immediate action on the amendment in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(2) and provide notice of the action taken and an opportunity for interested persons to request a hearing or whether the action should be rescinded or modified.

For further details with respect to this application, see the application dated August 31, 1999, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555 and at the Local Public Document Room located at the Technology and Science Department, Minneapolis Public Library, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of October 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
E. William Brach,
Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Public Comment on the Pilot Program for the New Regulatory Oversight Program

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing

significant revisions to its processes for overseeing the safety performance of commercial nuclear power plants that include integrating the inspection, assessment, and enforcement processes. As part of its proposal, the NRC staff established a new regulatory oversight framework with a set of performance indicators and associated thresholds, developed a new baseline inspection program that supplements and verifies the performance indicators, and created a continuous assessment process that includes a method for consistently determining the appropriate regulatory actions in response to varying levels of safety performance. The changes are the result of continuing work on a concept as described in SECY-99-007, "Recommendations for Reactor Oversight Process Improvements" dated January 8, 1999, and SECY-99-007A, "Recommendations for Reactor Oversight Improvements (Follow-Up to SECY-99-007)" dated March 22, 1999. In June 1999, the NRC began a six-month pilot program with two sites participating from each region. The purpose of the pilot program is to exercise the new oversight process, identify problems, develop lessons learned, and make any necessary changes before full implementation at all sites currently scheduled for April 2000. The NRC is soliciting comments from interested public interest groups, the regulated industry, States, and concerned citizens. The NRC staff will consider comments it receives for further development and refinement of the new oversight process.

Given that inspection related information, while publically available, was not available on the newly established website this public comment period has been extended at the request of some stakeholders to allow for more comprehensive review of the Revised Reactor Oversight Process.

DATES: The comment period expires December 31, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted either electronically or via U.S. mail. Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: T-6 D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555-0001. Hand deliver comments to: 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Copies of comments

received may be examined at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W. (Lower Level), Washington, D.C.

Comments may be submitted electronically at the "NRC Initiatives 1999" web page at": <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/INITIATIVES/1999/COMMENTS/2acmt.html>

Copies of the Pilot Program Guidelines may be obtained at the following web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NRR/OVERSIGHT/INDEX.html>

Additional information on the pilot program may be obtained from the NRC's Public Document Room at 2120 L St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20003-1527, telephone 202-634-3273.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
 Alan Madison, Mail Stop: O-5 H4,
 Inspection Program Branch, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
 Washington, D.C. 20555-0001,
 telephone 301-415-1490.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of October 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
William M. Dean,
Chief, Inspection Program Branch, Division of Inspection Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Pilot Program Evaluation Panel; Meeting Notice

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 94-463, Stat. 770-776) the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced the establishment of the Pilot Program Evaluation Panel (PPEP). The PPEP functions as a management-level oversight group to monitor and evaluate the success of the Commission's Reactor Oversight Process Improvements program. A Charter governing the PPEP functions as a Federal Advisory Committee was filed with Congress on June 30, 1999, after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration. The PPEP will hold its forthcoming meetings on November 16 and 17, 1999, at the DoubleTree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852 (Phone 301-468-1100/Fax 301-468-0308). Hotel accommodations may be arranged directly with DoubleTree Hotel. Parking is available at \$5.00 per day.

The PPEP meeting participants are listed below along with their affiliation: