

The public is advised that, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.790(b)(6), all or part of the sessions regarding contentions Utah E/Confederated Tribes F and Utah S may be closed to the public because the matters at issue may involve the discussion of confidential proprietary information.

B. Date, Time, and Location of Oral Limited Appearance Statement Sessions

The Board will conduct sessions to provide the public with an opportunity to make oral limited appearance statements on the following dates at the specified locations and times:

1. *Date: Friday, June 23, 2000.*
Times: Afternoon Session—1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Mountain Daylight Time (MDT). Evening Session—7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. MDT.
Location: Hilton Salt Lake City, Wasatch Room—Mezzanine Level, 150 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.
2. *Date: Saturday, June 24, 2000.*
Times: Afternoon Session (if there is sufficient interest)—1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. MDT.
Location: Same as Session 1 above
3. *Date: Friday, June 30, 2000.*
Times: Afternoon Session—1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. MDT; Evening Session—7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. MDT.
Location: Tooele High School Auditorium, 240 West Buffalo Blvd., Tooele, Utah
4. *Date: Saturday, July 1, 2000.*
Times: Afternoon Session (if there is sufficient interest)—1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. MDT.
Location: Same as Session 3 above.

C. Participation Guidelines for Oral Limited Appearance Statements

Any person not a party to the proceeding will be permitted to make an oral statement setting forth his or her position on matters of concern relating to this proceeding. Although these statements do not constitute testimony or evidence, they nonetheless may help the Board and/or the parties in their deliberations in connection with the issues to be considered in this proceeding.

Oral limited appearance statements will be entertained during the hours specified above, or such lesser time as may be necessary to accommodate the speakers who are present. If, however, all scheduled and unscheduled speakers present at a session have made a presentation, the Licensing Board reserves the right to terminate the session before the ending time listed above. The Licensing Board also reserves the right to cancel the Saturday sessions scheduled above if there has not been a sufficient showing of public interest as reflected by the number of preregistered speakers.

The time allotted for each statement normally will be no more than five minutes, but may be further limited depending on the number of written requests to make an oral statement that are submitted in accordance with section D below and/or the number of persons present at the designated times.

D. Submitting a Request To Make an Oral Limited Appearance Statement

Persons wishing to make an oral statement who have submitted a timely written request to do so will be given priority over those who have not filed such a request. In order to be considered timely, a written request to make an oral statement must be mailed, faxed, or sent by e-mail so as to be received by close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on *Wednesday, May 31, 2000*. The request must specify the date (June 23, June 24, June 30, or July 1) and the session on that day (afternoon or evening) during which the requester wishes to make an oral statement. Based on its review of the requests received on May 31, 2000, the Licensing Board may decide that either or both of the Saturday sessions will not be held due to lack of adequate interest in those sessions.

Written requests to make an oral statement should be submitted to:
Mail: Office of the Secretary,
Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff,
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Washington, DC 20555-0001
Fax: (301) 415-1101 (verification) (301) 415-1966
E-mail: hearingdocket@nrc.gov

In addition, using the same method of service, a copy of the written request to make an oral statement should be sent to the Chairman of this Licensing Board as follows:

Mail: Administrative Judge G. Paul Bollwerk, III, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T-3F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001
Fax: (301) 415-5599 (verification) (301) 415-7550
E-mail: gpb@nrc.gov

E. Submitting Written Limited Appearance Statements

As the Board has noted previously, a written limited appearance statement can be submitted at any time. Such statements should be sent to the Office of the Secretary using the methods prescribed above, with a copy to the Licensing Board Chairman.

Documents relating to the PFS license application at issue in this proceeding currently are on file at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman

Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20003-1527, and at the University of Utah, Marriott Library, Documents Division, 295 S. 1500 East, Salt Lake City, Utah 84112-0860.

Dated: April 19, 2000, Rockville, Maryland.
For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.*

G. Paul Bollwerk, III,
Administrative Judge.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a draft of a new guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1095 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is titled "Guidance for Implementation of 10 CFR 50.59, 'Changes, Tests and Experiments.'" This guide is being developed to describe methods acceptable to the NRC staff for complying with the NRC's regulations with regard to the process for evaluating changes, tests, and experiments that a licensee wishes to make without prior NRC approval. A letter has been issued as part of the guide to request public comments on specific questions related to the guidance. This guide proposes to endorse, with some clarifications, a Nuclear Energy Institute document, Revision 1 of NEI 96-07, "Guidelines for 10 CFR 50.59 Evaluations."

This draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office

* Copies of this notice were sent this date by Internet e-mail transmission to counsel for (1) applicant PFS; (2) intervenors Skull Valley Band, Ohngo Gaudadeh Devia, Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, and the State of Utah; and (3) the NRC staff.

of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by June 9, 2000.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@NRC.GOV. Electronic copies of this draft guide, under Accession Number ML003698165, are available in NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room, which can also be accessed through NRC's web site, WWW.NRC.GOV. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Ms. E. McKenna at (301) 415-2189; e-mail EMM@NRC.GOV.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section; or by fax to (301) 415-2289, or by email to DISTRIBUTION@NRC.GOV. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

(5 U.S.C. 552(a)).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of April 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Charles E. Ader,

Director, Program Management, Policy Development & Analysis Staff, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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This draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1094 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is a revision of DG-1094 (64FR58461) as a result of public comments and a public meeting held on February 23, 2000. A final draft guide, identified by the task number of DG-1097, will be published shortly for formal comment. This guide has been developed to provide a comprehensive fire protection guidance document, and to identify the scope and depth of fire protection that the staff has determined to be acceptable for operating nuclear plants. This guide may be used for licensee self-assessments and as the deterministic basis for future rulemaking. This guide has been developed from a compilation of fire protection regulations, generic communications, Branch Technical Positions, and other NRC guidance. In addition, as appropriate, new guidance is provided where the existing guidance is weak or non-existent. The specific NRC fire protection requirements applicable to any given operating reactor are a function of licensing dates, specific license conditions, rule applicability statements, approved exemptions/deviations, and individual plant Safety Evaluation Reports (SERs). It is not possible to capture in a single guide all the compliance alternatives that have been previously accepted by the NRC for a given plant. This guide presents the best available methods for meeting fire protection requirements and objectives that are acceptable to the Commission, and will be used in the evaluation of fire protection programs for operating nuclear power plants. Nothing in this guide prohibits a licensee from proposing an alternative method(s) for complying with specified portions of the Commission's regulations.

The draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001. The public comment period for this revision of DG-1094 will close at the same time as the public comment period for the final draft guide identified by the task number of DG-1097. All comments will be incorporated in the final regulatory guide to be issued in 2001.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website (http://www.techconf.llnl.gov/cgi_bin/topics). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports this function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. E.A. Connell, (301) 415-2838; e-mail EAC@nrc.gov.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

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