

Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2. H. B. Robinson Steam Electric Plant, Unit 2 is located in Darlington County, South Carolina. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

The draft supplement to the GEIS is available electronically for public inspection in the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, (301) 415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. In addition, the Hartsville Memorial Library, located at 147 West College Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina has agreed to make the draft supplement to the GEIS available for public inspection.

Any interested party may submit comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS for consideration by the NRC staff. To be certain of consideration, comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS and the proposed action must be received by July 30, 2003. Comments received after the due date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC staff is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Written comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS should be sent to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop T-6D 59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by e-mail at RobinsonEIS@nrc.gov. All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, or other interested persons, will be made available electronically at the Commission's PDR in Rockville, Maryland, and from the PARS component of NRC's ADAMS.

The NRC staff will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the draft plant-specific supplement to the

GEIS and to accept public comments on the document. The public meeting will be held on June 25, 2003, at Coker College in Davidson Hall, 300 East College Avenue, Hartsville, South Carolina. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will commence at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m. The second session will commence at 7 p.m. and will continue until 10 p.m. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include (1) a presentation of the contents of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS, and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the same location. No comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meetings or in writing, as discussed below. Persons may pre-register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting by contacting Mr. Richard L. Emch, Jr. by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1590, or by e-mail at rle@nrc.gov no later than June 20, 2003. Members of the public may also register to provide oral comments within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Emch's attention no later than June 20, 2003, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

For Further Information Contact: Mr. Richard L. Emch, Jr., License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Mr. Emch may be contacted at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of May, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Pao-Tsin Kuo,

Program Director, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Operations; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Plant Operations meeting on June 10, 2003, Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows: Tuesday, June 10, 2003—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.

The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussion with representatives of the NRC Region I staff and other interested persons regarding matters related to plant and region operations. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Ms. Maggalean W. Weston (telephone 301-415-3151) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. (e.t.). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contract the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: May 8, 2003.

Sher Bahadur,

Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

West Valley Citizen Task Force; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Representatives from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and New York State Department

of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will present information relating to the decommissioning of the West Valley site to the West Valley Citizen Task Force (CTF). This meeting is sponsored by the CTF. The meeting is open to the public and all interested parties may attend.

DATES: May 22, 2003, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Ashford Office Complex, 9030 Route 219, Ashford Hollow, New York.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chad Glenn, Mail Stop T7-F32, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20005-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6722; FAX: (301) 415-5398; Internet: CJG1@NRC.GOV.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of May, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Claudia M. Craig,

Chief, Facilities Decommissioning Section, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Proposed Generic Communication; Requirements for Steam Generator Tube Inspections

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is proposing to issue a generic letter (GL) to (1) advise all holders of operating licenses for pressurized-water reactors (PWRs), except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel, that the NRC's interpretation of technical specification (TS) requirements in conjunction with Appendix B to part 50 of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR part 50) raises questions as to whether steam generator (SG) tube inspection practices ensure compliance with these requirements, (2) request that addressees submit a description of the tube inspections performed at their plants, including an assessment of whether these inspections ensure compliance with the requirements contained in their TS in conjunction with 10 CFR part 50, Appendix B, (3) request that addressees propose plans for coming into compliance with these

requirements if they conclude they are not in compliance, and (4) request that addressees submit a safety assessment addressing any differences from the NRC's position regarding these requirements. The NRC is seeking comment from interested parties on the clarity and utility of the proposed GL under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** heading. The NRC will consider the comments received in its final evaluation of the proposed GL.

This **Federal Register** notice is available through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under accession number ML031270171.

DATES: Comment period expires July 14, 2003. Comments submitted after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop T6-D59, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to NRC Headquarters, 11545 Rockville Pike (Room T-6D59), Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Klein at (301) 415-4030 or by E-mail to pak@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

NRC Generic Letter 2003-XX: Requirements for Steam Generator Tube Inspections

Addressees

All holders of operating licenses for pressurized-water reactors (PWRs), except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel.

Purpose

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this generic letter to

(1) Advise addressees that the NRC's interpretation of the technical specification (TS) requirements in conjunction with 10 CFR part 50, Appendix B, raises questions whether certain licensee steam generator (SG) tube inspection practices ensure compliance with these requirements,

(2) Request that addressees submit a description of the tube inspections performed at their plants, including an assessment of whether these inspections

ensure compliance with the requirements contained in their TS in conjunction with 10 CFR part 50, Appendix B,

(3) Request that addressees that conclude they are not in compliance with the SG tube inspection requirements contained in their TS in conjunction with 10 CFR part 50, Appendix B, propose plans for coming into compliance with these requirements, and

(4) Request that addressees submit a safety assessment that addresses any differences from the NRC's position regarding the requirements of the TS in conjunction with 10 CFR part 50, Appendix B.

Background

Steam generator tubes function as an integral part of the reactor coolant pressure boundary (RCPB) and, in addition, serve to isolate radiological fission products in the primary coolant from the secondary coolant and the environment. For the purposes of this generic letter, tube integrity means that the tubes are capable of performing these functions in accordance with the plant licensing basis, including applicable regulatory requirements.

Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) establishes the fundamental regulatory requirements with respect to the integrity of the SG tubing. Specifically, the general design criteria (GDC) in Appendix A to 10 CFR part 50 state that the RCPB shall be "designed, fabricated, erected, and tested so as to have an extremely low probability of abnormal leakage * * * and of gross rupture" (GDC 14), "designed, fabricated, erected, and tested to the highest quality standards practical" (GDC 30), and "designed to permit periodic inspection and testing * * * to assess * * * structural and leaktight integrity" (GDC 32). (There are similar requirements in the licensing basis for plants licensed prior to 10 CFR part 50, Appendix A.)

Given the importance of SG tube integrity, all current PWR licensees have TS governing the surveillance of SG tubes. These TS typically do not prescribe non-destructive test methods for conducting tube inspections or specify where a particular methodology should be used. For example, current TS may employ the following or similar nonspecific language:

Tube inspection for tubes selected in accordance with Table [xxxx] means an inspection of the steam generator tube from the point of entry (hot leg side) completely around the U-bend to the top support of the cold leg, excluding sleeved areas.