

Covance a license for the Deming Way facility for in-vitro research and development utilizing tracer quantities of H-3 and C-14, and chemical analyses utilizing Ni-63 as a foil or plated source for gas chromatography. On November 22, 2002, Covance notified the NRC that it was ceasing operations at the Deming Way facility and requested release of this facility for unrestricted use. The NRC staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in support of this licensing action in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51. The conclusion of the EA is a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed licensing action.

## II. EA Summary

The proposed amendment would allow Covance to remove the Deming Way facility from its license and release the facility for unrestricted use. Covance provided survey results which demonstrate that the Deming Way facility is in compliance with 10 CFR 20.1402, "Radiological Criteria for Unrestricted Use."

The staff has examined Covance's request and the information that the licensee has provided in support of its request, to ensure that the NRC's decision is protective of the public health and safety and the environment.

## III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The staff has prepared the EA (summarized above) in support of Covance's proposed license amendment to release the Deming Way facility for unrestricted use. On the basis of the EA, the staff has concluded that the environmental impacts from the proposed action would not be significant. Accordingly, the staff has determined that a FONSI is appropriate, and has determined that the preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted.

## IV. Further Information

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," Covance's request, the EA summarized above, and the documents related to this proposed action are available electronically for public inspection and copying from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>. These documents include Covance's letter to NRC dated November 22, 2002, with enclosures (Accession No. ML030640568); Covance's letter to NRC dated January 31, 2003, with enclosures (Accession No. ML030790430);

Covance's letter to NRC dated March 13, 2003 (Accession No. ML030790430); and the EA summarized above (Accession No. ML031330660). Any questions with respect to this action should be directed to Dr. Peter J. Lee, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Region III, 801 Warrenville Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532-4351; telephone (630) 829-9870 or by email at [pjl2@nrc.gov](mailto:pjl2@nrc.gov).

Dated at Lisle, Illinois, this 12th day of May, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a meeting on June 12-13, 2003, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Monday, November 20, 2002 (67 FR 70094).

#### Thursday, June 12, 2003

*8:30 a.m.—8:35 a.m.: Opening Statement by the ACRS Chairman (Open)*—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 a.m.—12:45 p.m.: Workshop on Safety Culture: Panel A—Collective Understanding of Safety Culture (Open)*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, nuclear industry, private consultants, and public regarding collective understanding of safety culture.

*1:45 p.m.—5 p.m.: Workshop on Safety Culture (continued): Panel B—Attributes of Safety Culture (Open)*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, nuclear industry, private consultants, and public regarding attributes of safety culture.

*5 p.m.—6 p.m.: Conclusions and Outcome of the Workshop (Open)*—The Committee will discuss the conclusions resulting from the Workshop.

#### Friday, June 13, 2003

*8:30 a.m.—8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)*—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

*8:35 a.m.—10 a.m.: Update to Generic License Renewal Guidance Documents (Open)*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding potential improvements to license renewal guidance documents (Generic Aging Lessons Learned Report; Regulatory Guide 1.188, Standard Format and Content for Applications to Renew Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses; Standard Review Plan for Review of License Renewal Applications; and NEI 95-10, Industry Guideline for Implementing the Requirements of 10 CFR part 54).

*10 a.m.—10:30 a.m.: Subcommittee Report on the Fort Calhoun License Renewal Application (Open)*—Report by the Chairman of the ACRS Subcommittee on License Renewal regarding the Subcommittee's review of the license renewal application for the Fort Calhoun Station Unit 1 and the associated NRC staff's Safety Evaluation Report.

*10:45 a.m.—11:45 a.m.: Proposed Strategy for Preparing the 2004 ACRS Report on the NRC Safety Research Program (Open)*—Report by the Chairman of the ACRS Subcommittee on Safety Research Program regarding a proposed strategy for preparing the 2004 ACRS report on the NRC Safety Research Program.

*12:45 p.m.—1:45 p.m.: Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open)*—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings. Also, it will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, including anticipated workload and member assignments.

*1:45 a.m.—2 p.m.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)*—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters. The EDO responses are expected to be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

*2:15 p.m.—6:30 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open/Closed)*—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting. In addition, the Committee will consider a proposed ACRS report on Safeguards and Security (Closed). *The discussion of the Safeguards and Security report will be held in Room T-8E8.*

*6:30 p.m.—7 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)*—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2002 (67 FR 63460). In accordance with

those procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Associate Director for Technical Support named below five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during the meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Associate Director prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the Associate Director if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

In accordance with subsection 10(d) Pub. L. 92-463, I have determined that it is necessary to close a portion of this meeting noted above to discuss and protect information classified as national security information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, as well as the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting Dr. Sher Bahadur, Associate Director for Technical Support (301) 415-0138, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., ET.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room at [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov), or by calling the PDR at 1-800-397-4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> or <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/www.acrs.acnw.mtg.schedules/agendas>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301) 415-8066, between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., ET, at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: May 20, 2003.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal will hold a meeting on June 11, 2003, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows: *Wednesday, June 11, 2003—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

The purpose of this meeting is to review the license renewal application for the Fort Calhoun Station Unit 1 and the NRC staff's initial Safety Evaluation Report. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, the Omaha Public Power District, and other interested persons regarding this matter. 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, Mr. Ralph Caruso (telephone 301/415-8065), 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 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact 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 19, 2003.

**Sher Bahadur,**

*Associate Director, for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

#### I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is

publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from, May 2, 2003, through May 15, 2003. The last biweekly notice was published on May 13, 2003 (68 FR 25648).

#### *Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing*

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public