

ample time to extinguish the fire, achieve stable plant conditions in hot shutdown, augment staff with personnel from the emergency response organization, and connect dedicated power cabling and hoses to the dedicated compressor using the furnished plugs and quick connect fittings (*i.e.*, no tools required).

Because the bottle banks, hoses, cables, and compressor are all located in areas that would not be affected by the fires of concern, none would be damaged. Thus, the proposed exemption is fully consistent with the intent of the applicable sections of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, and literal compliance is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rules.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its safety evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), the level of fire safety provided is equivalent to the technical requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 Appendix R, Section III.G.1.a. As such, the requested exemption does not pose an undue risk to the health and safety of the public.

The details of the NRC staff's safety evaluation will be provided in the exemption that will be issued as part of the letter to the licensee approving the exemption to the regulation.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents. No changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site. There is no significant increase in the amount of any effluent released off site. There is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the

application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on April 4, 2005, the NRC staff consulted with the Wisconsin State official, Jeffery Kitsemel of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated March 5, 2004, as supplemented by letter dated November 8, 2004. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or send an e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of May, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. PAPO-00; ASLBP No. 04-829-01-PAPO]

Atomic Safety and Licensing Board; In the Matter of U.S. Department of Energy (High Level Waste Repository: Pre-Application Matters)

May 23, 2005.

Before Administrative Judges: Thomas S. Moore, Chairman, Alex S. Karlin Alan S. Rosenthal.

Order

The Pre-License Application Presiding Officer (PAPO) Board held its second case management conference in this proceeding on May 18, 2005. The Department of Energy (DOE), the NRC Staff, the State of Nevada (State), the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), and the Nuclear Information and Research Service (NIRS) attended the conference. During this meeting the Board heard discussion on a written request, filed by DOE on May 12, 2005, that the Board establish uniform requirements for the retention of e-mails and other documents that constitute or may constitute documentary material as defined in 10 CFR 2.1001. DOE suggested that document retention requirements should be part of the procedures required under 10 CFR 2.1009, and that participation as a party in this proceeding requires substantial compliance with such procedures under 10 CFR 2.1012(b). DOE, the NRC Staff, the State, and NIRS participated in the discussion of this proposal.

Upon consideration of this matter, and hearing no objection from any of the participants during the May 18, 2005 conference, the Board agreed that the matter warranted further consideration and attention. The Board is concerned that, absent a uniform procedure prescribed by a case management order, some of the current participants, as well as other potential parties, might not have timely instituted documentary material retention policies or been aware of the need to adopt and follow retention policies for such material. The development and specification at this time of reasonable uniform documentary material retention procedures should enable all current participants and potential parties to avoid unnecessary burdens and expense.

Accordingly, the Board orders the participants attending the second case management conference to meet and to confer for the purpose of developing a joint proposed minimum acceptable

standard of documentary material retention for this proceeding. The joint proposal shall be submitted to the Board by July 1, 2005. In the event the participants cannot agree on a joint proposal, then DOE, the NRC Staff, and the State each shall submit by that date their respective, individual proposals. All other potential parties are encouraged to participate in the meeting with DOE, the State, and the NRC Staff and to contribute to the discussion and proposed resolution of these issues. If agreement is not possible, NEI, NIRS, or any other participating potential party may submit an independent proposal to the Board by July 1, 2005. Any potential party may submit comments on the proposals of any other potential party by July 8, 2005.

At the second case management conference, counsel for DOE offered to host the meeting of the participants and potential participants. All of the participants agreed that the meeting should be held on *Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at 10 a.m., EDT, in the main conference room of the law firm of Hunton & Williams (counsel for DOE), 1900 K Street, NW., 12th floor, Washington, DC.* Any person desiring to participate in the meeting and discussion of this issue should provide telephone or e-mail notice, not later than 5 p.m. EDT, June 8, 2005, to counsel for DOE via Ms. Belinda Wright, telephone 804-788-8581, e-mail bwright@hunton.com. Such notice shall contain the following information: (a) Name of person desiring to attend; (b) organizational affiliation, if any; (c) daytime phone number; (d) e-mail address; (e) mailing address; and (f) statement as to whether the person intends to participate in person, or desires to participate remotely in the event that electronic facilities can be made available.

DOE, the State, NRC Staff, NEI, and NIRS are strongly encouraged, through appropriate notices on their respective web sites, and other reasonable methods, to inform the public, their stakeholders, and any other interested persons or entities of the proposal to develop uniform procedures, applicable to all potential parties, concerning the retention of e-mails and other documents.

It is so Ordered.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, on May 23, 2005.

For the Pre-license Application Presiding Officer Board.

Thomas S. Moore,

Chairman, Administrative Judge.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Acquisition Advisory Panel; Notification of Upcoming Meetings of the Acquisition Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget announces a meeting of the Acquisition Advisory Panel (AAP or "Panel") established in accordance with the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003.

DATES: A public meeting of the Panel will be held on June 14, 2005 beginning at 9 a.m. eastern time and ending no later than 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The June 14, 2005 meeting will be held at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), Basement Auditorium, 801 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20434. The public is asked to pre-register one week in advance for the meeting due to security and seating limitations (see below for information on pre-registration).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Members of the public wishing further information concerning this meeting, the Acquisition Advisory Panel, or to pre-register for the meeting, should contact Ms. Laura Auletta, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at: laura.auletta@gsa.gov, phone/voice mail (202) 208-7279, or mail at: General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4006, Washington, DC 20405. Members of the public wishing to reserve speaking time must contact Ms. Anne Terry, AAP Staff Analyst, in writing at: anne.terry@gsa.gov, by FAX at 202-501-3341, or mail at the address given above for the DFO, no later than one week prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(a) *Background:* The purpose of the Panel is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and Congress pursuant to Section 1423 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003. The Panel's statutory charter is to review Federal contracting laws, regulations, and governmentwide policies, including the use of commercial practices, performance-based contracting, performance of acquisition functions across agency lines of responsibility, and governmentwide contracts. Interested parties are invited to attend the meeting. The Panel working groups, established

at the February 28, 2005 public meeting of the AAP (see <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap> for a list of working groups), will report on the scope of their review during this meeting, which may include any follow-up recommendations for additional working groups or other issues to be examined. The Panel also expects to hear from additional invited speakers from the public and private sectors who will address issues related to the Panel's statutory charter. In addition to working group scope reports and invited speakers, the Panel also invites oral public comments at this meeting and has reserved an estimated one hour for this purpose. Members of the public wishing to address the Panel during the meeting must contact Ms. Anne Terry, in writing, as soon as possible to reserve time (see contact information above). Additional time for oral public comments is expected at future public meetings to be announced in the **Federal Register**.

(b) *Availability of Materials for the Meetings:* Please see the Acquisition Advisory Panel Web site for any available materials, including draft agendas, for this meeting (<http://www.acqnet.gov/aap>). Questions/issues of particular interest to the Panel are also available to the public on this Web site. The Panel asks that the public focus on these questions/issues when presenting oral public comments or submitting written statements to the Panel. The public may also obtain copies of Initial Working Group Reports presented at the March 30, 2005 public meeting and public presentations made to the Panel at its Web site under "Meeting Materials" at <http://www.acqnet.gov/aap>.

(c) *Procedures for Providing Public Comments:* It is the policy of the Acquisition Advisory Panel to accept written public statements of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. To facilitate Panel discussions at its meetings, the Panel may not accept oral comments at all meetings. The Panel Staff expects that public statements presented at Panel meetings will be focused on the Panel's statutory charter, working group topics, and posted questions/issues, and not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements, and that comments will be relevant to the issues under discussion.

Oral Comments: Speaking times will be confirmed by Panel staff on a "first-come/first-serve" basis. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, oral public comments must be no longer than 10 minutes for the June 14th meeting. Because Panel members may ask questions, reserved times will