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*Office of the Secretary.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Emergency Preparedness and Response Actions for Security Based Events

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Bulletin (BL) 2005-02 to all holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operation and have certified that fuel has been removed from the reactor vessel. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing this bulletin to:

1. Notify addressees about NRC staff's need for information associated with emergency preparedness (EP) for security-based events at a nuclear power plant;

2. Request addressees provide information to the NRC within 30 days of this bulletin regarding actions taken or planned to be taken in the areas discussed below:

a. Security-based emergency classification levels and emergency action levels (EALs), emergency response organization augmentation for security-based events, and a security-based EP drill and exercise program,

b. Accelerated NRC notifications and onsite protective measures;

3. If actions regarding the topics covered in this bulletin have not been taken, the addressees are requested to provide a schedule detailing expected completion dates for all pending activities; and

4. Require addressees to provide a written response to the NRC in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(f).

This **Federal Register** notice is available through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under accession number ML051990027.

**DATES:** The bulletin was issued on July 18, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Not applicable.

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415-4072 or by e-mail [gac@nrc.gov](mailto:gac@nrc.gov), or Douglas Pickett at 301-415-1364 or e-mail [dvp1@nrc.gov](mailto:dvp1@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NRC Bulletin 2005-02 may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room 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/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. The ADAMS number for the bulletin is ML051740058.

If you do not have access to ADAMS or if you have problems in accessing the documents in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of July 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Proposed Generic Communication; Impact of Potentially Degraded Hemyc and Mt Fire Barriers on Compliance With Approved Fire Protection Programs

**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) Request that addressees evaluate their facilities to confirm compliance with the existing applicable regulatory requirements in light of the information provided in this generic letter and, if appropriate, take additional actions. Specifically, although Hemyc and MT fire barriers in nuclear power plants (NPPs) may be relied on to protect electrical and instrumentation cables and equipment that provide safe shutdown capability during a fire, recent NRC testing has revealed that both materials failed to provide the protective function intended for compliance with existing regulations, for the configurations tested using the

acceptance criteria in Generic Letter (GL) 86-10, Supplement 1, "Fire Endurance Test Acceptance Criteria for Fire Barrier Systems Used To Separate Redundant Safe Shutdown Trains Within the Same Fire Area."

(2) Require that addressees submit a written response to the NRC in accordance with NRC regulations in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Section 50.54(f) (10 CFR 50.54(f)).

This **Federal Register** notice is available through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under accession number ML051540292.

**DATES:** Comment period expires September 23, 2005. 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.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**NRC Generic Letter 2005-XX**

*Impact of Potentially Degraded Hemyc and Mt Fire Barriers on Compliance With Approved Fire Protection Programs*

*Addressees*

All holders of operating licenses for light-water nuclear power reactors, except those who have 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:

(3) Request that addressees evaluate their facilities to confirm compliance with the existing applicable regulatory requirements in light of the information provided in this generic letter and, if