

**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 72-27]

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Issuance of Materials License SNM-2514 for the Humboldt Bay Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation****AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.**ACTION:** Issuance of Materials License.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has issued Materials License No. SNM-2514 to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) for the receipt, possession, storage, and transfer of spent fuel at the Humboldt Bay Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI), to be located in Humboldt County, California. This Materials License is issued under the provisions of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 72 (10 CFR part 72), and is effective as of the date of issuance. A license for an ISFSI under 10 CFR part 72 is issued for 20 years, but the licensee may seek to renew the license prior to its expiration.

The Humboldt Bay ISFSI is licensed to provide interim storage in a dry cask storage system for up to 31 metric tons of uranium contained in intact and damaged fuel assemblies and associated radioactive materials resulting from the operation of the Humboldt Bay Power Plant, Unit 3. The dry cask storage system authorized for use is a site-specific version of the HI-STAR 100 system, designated as the HI-STAR HB system, designed by Holtec International.

Following receipt of PG&E's application dated December 15, 2003, the NRC staff published a "Notice of Docketing, Notice of Proposed Action, and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing for a Materials License for the Humboldt Bay Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation" in the **Federal Register** on February 11, 2004 (69 FR 6701). In conjunction with the issuance of this license, the staff published a "Notice of Issuance of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Humboldt Bay Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation," in the

**Federal Register** on November 16, 2005 (70 FR 69605). The staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) considered the impacts of the construction, operation and decommissioning of an ISFSI at the Humboldt Bay site, including impacts resulting from the use of the HI-STAR HB dry cask storage system. The staff has determined that no significant environmental impacts will result from the proposed Humboldt Bay ISFSI.

The NRC staff has completed its environmental, safeguards, and safety reviews of the Humboldt Bay ISFSI license application and safety analysis report, as amended. The NRC staff issued Materials License No. SNM-2514 and its Safety Evaluation Report (SER) for the Humboldt Bay Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation on November 17, 2005.

Further details with respect to this action are provided in the application dated December 15, 2003, as amended October 1, 2004; the staff's EA, dated November 16, 2005; Materials License SNM-2514 and the staff's SER, dated November 17, 2005; and other related documents, which are publicly available in the records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), O1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. 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 by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov). The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of November, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting of the Joint ACRS Subcommittees on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment and on Human Factors; Notice of Meeting**

The ACRS Subcommittees on Reliability and Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) and on Human Factors will hold a joint meeting on December 15-16, 2005, 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:

*Thursday, December 15, 2005—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

*Friday, December 16, 2005—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

The joint subcommittees will examine the current status of human reliability analysis including ATHEANA, SPAR-H, and industry approaches (if available). The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and industry 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. Eric A. Thornsbury, (Telephone: 301-415-8716) or Dr. John H. Flack, Senior Technical Advisor (Telephone: 301-415-0426) 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 individuals at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: November 21, 2005.

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