

System was initially analyzed in the environmental assessment for the final rule to add the HI-STORM 100 Cask System to the list of approved spent fuel storage casks in 10 CFR 72.214 (65 FR 25241; May 1, 2000). In addition, the potential environmental impact of Amendment 2 changes to CoC 1014 was analyzed in the environmental assessment for the final rule that amended 10 CFR 72.214 to add Amendment 2 to CoC 1014 (70 FR 32977; June 7, 2005). Both environmental assessments concluded that there would be no significant environmental impacts as a result of the respective actions, and as such, the NRC made a finding of no significant impact. The NRC staff finds that the conclusions set forth in these environmental assessments continue to be valid.

The HI-STORM 100 Cask System is designed to mitigate the effects of design basis accidents that could occur during storage. Design basis accidents account for human-induced events and the most severe natural phenomena reported for the site and surrounding area. Postulated accidents analyzed for an ISFSI include tornado winds and tornado generated missiles, design basis earthquake, design basis flood, accidental cask drop, lightning effects, fire, explosions, and other incidents. Considering the specific design requirements for each accident condition, the design of the HI-STORM 100 Cask System, would prevent loss of containment, shielding, and criticality control.

Amendment 1 to CoC 1014, Appendix B, Section 3.4.3.a, requires that the Coulomb friction coefficient for the HI-STORM 100/ISFSI pad interface be at least 0.53 under all conditions. Amendment 2 to CoC 1014, Appendix B, Section 3.4.3.a, includes a provision, that for free standing casks, the response of the casks under the site's Design Basis Earthquake (DBE) could be established using the best estimate of the friction coefficient in an appropriate analysis model. The analysis would demonstrate that the DBE would not result in cask tip-over or cause a cask to fall off the pad, or cause an impact between casks, or if an accident were to occur, would demonstrate that the maximum g-load experienced by the stored spent nuclear fuel would be limited to 45 g's. The use of methods described in Section 3.4.3.a of Appendix B, approved by the NRC in Amendment 2 to CoC 1014, in demonstrating the safe storage of spent nuclear fuel during environmental conditions that might degrade the pad/cask interface friction, such as those caused by icing, will not result in any

degradation of specific design requirements, namely, containment, shielding or criticality control. Without the loss of either containment, shielding, or criticality control, the risk to public health and safety is not compromised.

By permitting the use of methods described in Section 3.4.3.a of Appendix B, approved by the NRC in Amendment 2 to CoC 1014, there will be a reduction in occupational exposure due to the relief from the performance of compensatory measures. Therefore, the NRC staff has determined that acceptable safety margins are maintained and that there are no significant environmental impacts as a result of using the methods described in Section 3.4.3.a of Appendix B, approved by the NRC in Amendment 2 to CoC 1014, to demonstrate safe storage of spent nuclear fuel at the CGS ISFSI.

IV. Alternatives to the Proposed Action

The staff evaluated the no action alternative, which would be a denial of the exemption request. Denial of the exemption request would result in continued performance of compensatory measures by Energy Northwest, thereby continuing to subject workers to an increased radiation dose than would be the case if the compensatory measures were not conducted.

V. Agencies and Persons Consulted

On October 27, 2006, Mr. Michael Mills of the State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council was contacted about the EA for the proposed action and had no concerns.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The environmental impacts of the proposed action have been reviewed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR part 51. The proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment because the use of the Amendment 2 methodology will reduce worker radiation dose, and further, will not result in any degradation to specific cask design requirements, namely, containment, shielding, or criticality control. As described in the foregoing EA, the Commission finds that the proposed action of granting an exemption from 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(2)(i)(A), 72.212(b)(7), and 72.214, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, which will permit Energy Northwest to perform analyses consistent with that granted by the NRC in Amendment 2 to CoC 1014, Appendix B, Section 3.4.3.a at the CGS ISFSI, is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and,

therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required.

Further Information

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of NRC's "Rules of Practice," final NRC records and documents regarding this proposed action, including the exemption request dated September 14, 2006, are publically available in the records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). These documents may be inspected at NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room 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. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee. 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.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of November 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold a Planning and Procedures meeting on December 12, 2006, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b (c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACNW, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, December 12, 2006—8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW activities and related matters.

The purpose of this meeting is to 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. Antonio F. Dias (Telephone: 301/415-6805) between 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. (ET) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 8:15 a.m. and 5 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 in the agenda.

Dated: November 28, 2006.

Michael R. Snodderly,
Branch Chief, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATES: Weeks of December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2006, January 1, 8, 2007.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of December 4, 2006

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

2:45 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

Thursday, December 7, 2006

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative) a. Hydro Resources, Inc. (Crownpoint, NM) Intervenor's Petition for Review of LBP-06-19 (Final Partial Initial Decision—NEPA Issues) (Tentative).
9:30 a.m. Discussion of Management Issues (Closed—Ex. 2).

Week of December 11, 2006—Tentative

Monday, December 11, 2006

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Status of Decommissioning Activities (Public Meeting) (Contact: Keith McConnell, 301-415-7295).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address, <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed—Ex. 1).
1:30 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 3).

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Status of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Programs (Public Meeting) (Contact: Barbara Williams, 301-415-7388).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address, <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Thursday, December 14, 2006

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative) a. Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC, & Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station), LBP-06-20 (Sept. 22, 2006), reconsidered (Oct. 30, 2006) (Tentative).

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address, <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of December 18, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 18, 2006.

Week of December 25, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 25, 2006.

Week of January 1, 2007—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 1, 2007.

Week of January 8, 2007—Tentative

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Browns Ferry Unit 1 Restart (Public Meeting) (Contact: Catherine Haney, 301-415-1453).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address, <http://www.nrc.gov>.

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Dated: November 30, 2006.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Office of the Secretary.

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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 section 189a.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued and 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 November 9, 2006, to November 21, 2006. The last biweekly notice was published on November 21, 2006 (71 FR 67391).