

on September 11 and 12, 2009. The notice provided an opportunity to submit comments on the NRC staff's proposed NSHC determination.

The supplemental letter dated September 8, 2009, provided additional information that clarified the application, did not expand the scope of the application as originally noticed, and did not change the NRC staff's original proposed no significant hazards consideration determination as published in *The Tribune*.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment, finding of exigent circumstances, consideration of public comments, state consultation, and final NSHC determination are contained in a safety evaluation dated September 17, 2009.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of September 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2008-0361]

Notice of Availability for Comment of Draft Standard Review Plan for Renewal of Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Licenses and Dry Cask Storage System Certificates of Compliance

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and opportunity to provide comments.

DATES: Comments must be provided by December 21, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ata Istar, Structural Mechanics and Materials Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Division, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20005-0001. Telephone: (301) 492-3409; fax number: (301) 492-3342; e-mail: ata.istar@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has prepared a draft Standard Review Plan (SRP) NUREG-1927, entitled "Standard Review Plan for Renewal of Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation Licenses and Dry Cask Storage System Certificate of Compliance." This draft SRP would provide guidance to the NRC staff when reviewing Safety Analyses Reports submitted by applicants for renewals of specific Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation licenses or dry cask storage system certificates of compliance under 10 CFR part 72. This draft SRP is related to the proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 15, 2009 (74 FR 47126). The NRC is soliciting public comments on this draft SRP, which will be considered before the NRC issues the final version.

II. Further Information

Documents related to this action are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this notice are provided in the following table. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to ata.istar@nrc.gov.

| Interim staff guidance documents | ADAMS accession No. |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Draft of SRP NUREG-1927. | ML092510340. |

These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O-1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee. Comments and questions on this draft SRP should be directed to Ata Istar, Structural Mechanics and Materials Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20005-0001 by December 21, 2009. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone, fax, or e-mail to the following: Telephone: (301) 492-3409; fax number: (301) 492-3342; e-mail: ata.istar@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of September 2009.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-361 and 50-362; NRC-2009-0439]

Southern California Edison Company; San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 2 and Unit 3; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a temporary exemption from Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, Section 50.46 and 10 CFR 50, Appendix K, for Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-10 and NPF-15, issued to Southern California Edison Company (SCE, the licensee), for operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Unit 2 and Unit 3, respectively, located in San Diego County, California. Therefore, as required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The requirements in 10 CFR 50.46 specifically, and 10 CFR 50, Appendix K implicitly, refer to the use of Zircaloy or ZIRLO cladding. Therefore, a temporary exemption is required to use fuel rods clad with an advanced zirconium-based alloy that is not either Zircaloy or ZIRLO. Unlike the current fuel assemblies, the lead fuel assemblies (LFAs) manufactured by AREVA NP will contain M5 alloy cladding material. The licensee has requested a temporary exemption to allow the use of M5 alloy cladding.

The temporary exemption would allow up to 16 LFAs manufactured by AREVA NP with M5 alloy cladding material to be inserted into the SONGS Unit 2 or Unit 3 reactor cores during the

upcoming (Cycle 16) refueling outages for each unit. The temporary exemption would allow the LFAs to be used for up to three operating cycles (Cycles 16, 17, and 18). Currently, eight AREVA NP LFAs are scheduled for installation in SONGS Unit 2 for Cycle 16.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's request for exemption dated January 30, 2009, as supplemented by letter dated March 16, 2009.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed temporary exemption is needed by SCE to allow the use of M5 alloy clad LFAs to evaluate cladding material for use in future fuel assemblies and to provide a more robust design to eliminate grid to rod fretting fuel failures. The regulations specify standards and acceptance criteria only for fuel rods clad with Zircaloy or ZIRLO. Consistent with 10 CFR 50.46, a temporary exemption is required to use fuel rods clad with an advanced alloy that is not Zircaloy or ZIRLO. Therefore, the licensee needs a temporary exemption to insert up to 16 LFAs containing new cladding material into the SONGS Unit 2 or Unit 3 reactor cores.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its safety evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed exemption will not present any undue risk to the public health and safety. The safety evaluation performed by Framatome ANP, Inc., "BAW-10227P-A, Evaluation of Advanced Cladding and Structural Material (M5) in PWR Reactor Fuel, Framatome Cogema Fuels, February 2000," demonstrates that the predicted chemical, mechanical, and material performance characteristics of the M5 cladding are within those approved for Zircaloy under anticipated operational occurrences and postulated accidents. Furthermore, the LFAs will be placed in non-limiting locations. In the unlikely event that cladding failures occur in the LFAs, the environmental impact would be minimal and is bounded by previous accident analyses.

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 offsite. There is no significant increase in the amount of any effluent released offsite. 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, does not affect any environmental resources, 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.

The details of the 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.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the 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 SONGS Units 2 and 3, dated May 12, 1981.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on April 8, 2009, the NRC staff consulted with the California State official, Mr. Steve Hsu of the Radiologic Health Branch of the California Department of Public Health, 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 January 30, 2009, as supplemented by letter dated March 16, 2009, Agency Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Nos. ML090360738 and ML090780251, respectively. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document

Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the 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.resource@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of September 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act; Notice of Meetings

DATES: Weeks of October 5, 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 2009.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Week of October 5, 2009

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 5, 2009.

Week of October 12, 2009—Tentative

Tuesday, October 13, 2009.

9:30 a.m.—Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 3)

Week of October 19, 2009—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 19, 2009.

Week of October 26, 2009—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 26, 2009.

Week of November 2, 2009—Tentative

Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Fire Protection Lessons Learned from Shearon Harris (Public Meeting) (Contact: Alex Klein, 301-415-2822)

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

Week of November 9, 2009—Tentative

Tuesday, November 10, 2009.

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on NRC

International Activities (Public