

exchange is used to separate the uranium from the solution. The ISR process also frees other metals and minerals from the host aquifer. As a result, operators of ISR facilities are required to restore the groundwater affected by operations and to decommission the facility when operations have ceased. In the processing plant, the recovered uranium is concentrated into the product known as "yellowcake," which is then shipped to a uranium conversion facility for further processing in the overall uranium fuel cycle.

In this Draft SEIS, the NRC staff has assessed the potential environmental impacts from the construction, operation, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning of the proposed Nichols Ranch ISR Project. In doing so, the NRC staff evaluated site-specific data and information from the Nichols Ranch ISR Project to determine if Uranerz's proposed activities and the site characteristics were consistent with those evaluated in the GEIS. NRC then determined which relevant sections of the Draft GEIS and impact conclusions in the Draft GEIS could be incorporated by reference. The NRC staff also determined if additional data or analysis was needed to determine the environmental impacts for a specific environmental resource area. The NRC staff documented its assessments and conclusions in the Draft SEIS.

In addition to the action proposed by Uranerz, the NRC staff addressed two alternatives in the Draft SEIS: A No-Action alternative and a Modified Action alternative. Under the No-Action alternative, NRC would deny Uranerz's request to construct and operate an ISR facility at the Nichols Ranch ISR Project. The No-Action alternative serves as a baseline for comparison of the potential environmental impacts. Under the Modified Action alternative, the NRC would only issue Uranerz a license for ISR uranium milling and processing at the Nichols Ranch Unit and not the Hank Unit. By doing so, this alternative would only consist of extracting uranium from well fields developed in the Nichols Ranch Unit and processing at a central processing plant located at the Nichols Ranch Unit.

The NRC staff also considered other alternatives but eliminated them from detailed analysis. Conventional mining/milling and conventional mining/heap leach processing are two potential methods of uranium recovery at the Nichols Ranch ISR Project. However, given the recognized more substantial environmental impacts of conventional mining (whether by open pit or underground techniques) and

conventional milling or heap leach processing, these alternatives were not further considered. The NRC staff also evaluated alternative lixivants (acid- and ammonia-based), and alternative waste disposal methods. For reasons discussed in the Draft SEIS, these alternatives also were eliminated from further consideration.

This Draft SEIS is being issued for public comment. The public comment period on the Draft SEIS begins with publication of this notice and continues until February 1, 2010. Written comments should be submitted as described in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The NRC will consider comments received or postmarked after that date to the extent practical.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of December 2009.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Patrice M. Bubar,

Deputy Director, Environmental Protection and Performance Assessment Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2009-0550]

NUREG-1921, EPRI/NRC-RES Fire Human Reliability Analysis Guidelines, Draft Report for Comment

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Announcement of issuance for public comment, availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a document entitled: "NUREG-1921 (EPRI 1019196), EPRI/NRC-RES Fire Human Reliability Analysis Guidelines, Draft Report for Comment."

DATES: Please submit comments by February 15, 2010. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC staff is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please include Docket ID NRC-2009-0550 in the subject line of your comments. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC Web site and on the

Federal rulemaking Web site Regulations.gov. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2009-0550. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher 301-492-3668; e-mail Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

Mail comments to: Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rulemaking and Directives Branch (RDB), Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by fax to RDB at (301) 492-3446.

You can access publicly available documents related to this notice using the following methods:

NRC's Public Document Room (PDR): The public may examine and have copied for a fee publicly available documents at the NRC's PDR, Public File Area O1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. NUREG-1921 "EPRI/NRC-RES Fire Human Reliability Analysis Guidelines" is available electronically under ADAMS Accession Number ML093340307.

Federal Rulemaking Web site: Public comments and supporting materials related to this notice can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching on Docket ID: NRC-2009-0550.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kendra Hill, Division of Risk Analysis, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: 301-251-3300, e-mail: Kendra.hill@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NUREG-1921 (EPRI 1019196), "EPRI/NRC-RES Fire Human Reliability Analysis Guidelines, Draft Report for Comment" was written as a collaborative effort by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) to provide guidance on how to perform the human reliability analysis (HRA) for a fire PRA. In 2007, EPRI and NRC-RES embarked on a cooperative project to develop explicit guidance for estimating human error probabilities (HEPs) for human error events under fire generated conditions, building upon existing human reliability analysis (HRA) methods. This report describes the methodology and guidance developed through this project. This report includes guidance on addressing the range of fire procedures used in existing plants, the range of strategies for main control room abandonment, and the potential impact of fire-induced spurious electrical effects on crew performance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of Dec 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Mark H. Salley,
Chief, Fire Research Branch, Division of Risk Analysis, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2009-0552; Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323]

Pacific Gas & Electric Company; Notice of Receipt and Availability of Application for Renewal of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2; Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82 for an Additional 20-Year Period

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) has received an application, dated November 23, 2009, from Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), filed pursuant to Section 104(b) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 54 (10 CFR Part 54), to

renew the operating licenses for the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DCPP), Units 1 and 2. Renewal of the licenses would authorize the applicant to operate each facility for an additional 20-year period beyond the period specified in the respective current operating licenses. The current operating license for DCPP, Unit 1 (DPR-80), expires on November 2, 2024. DCPP, Unit 1, is a four-loop pressurized water reactor designed by Westinghouse. The current operating license for DCPP, Unit 2 (DPR-82), expires on August 26, 2025. DCPP, Unit 2, is also a four-loop pressurized water reactor designed by Westinghouse. Both units are located near San Luis Obispo, California. The acceptability of the tendered application for docketing, and other matters, including an opportunity to request a hearing, will be the subject of subsequent **Federal Register** notices.

Copies of the application are available to the public at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852 or through the internet from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room under Accession Number ML093340125. The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. In addition, the application is available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications.html>. Persons who do not have access to the internet or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC's PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, extension 4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

A copy of the license renewal application for DCPP, Units 1 and 2, is also available to local residents near the site at the San Luis Obispo Public Library, 995 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, California 93401, and at the Paso Robles Public Library, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles, California 93446.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of December 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brian E. Holian,
Director, Division of License Renewal, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #11958 and #11959]

Arkansas Disaster #AR-00036

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an Administrative declaration of a disaster for the State of ARKANSAS dated 12/04/2009.

Incident: Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding.

Incident Period: 10/29/2009 and continuing.

DATES: *Effective Date:* 12/04/2009.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 02/02/2010.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 09/04/2010.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration, applications for disaster loans may be filed at the address listed above or other locally announced locations.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Primary Counties: Pulaski.

Contiguous Counties:

Arkansas: Faulkner; Grant; Jefferson; Lonoke; Perry; Saline.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.125
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.562
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	6.000
Businesses & Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Other (Including Non-Profit Organizations) with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625
Businesses And Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.000

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 11958 B and for economic injury is 11959 O.

The State which received an EIDL Declaration # is Arkansas.