

Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

*Agenda:* To hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them.

Dated: January 25, 2011.

**Susanne E. Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[NRC-2011-0025]**

### **Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance and Availability of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-7007, "Administrative Guide for Verifying Compliance with Packaging Requirements for Shipment and Receipt of Radioactive Material."

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bernard White, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: 1-301-492-3303 or e-mail: [Bernard.White@nrc.gov](mailto:Bernard.White@nrc.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Introduction**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public information such as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft regulatory guide (DG), entitled "Administrative Guide for Verifying Compliance with Packaging Requirements for Shipment and Receipt of Radioactive Material," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-7007,

which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG-7007 is proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 7.7, dated August 1977.

This guide describes an approach that the staff of the NRC considers acceptable for meeting the administrative requirements in Title 10, of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 71, "Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material" (10 CFR Part 71). The regulations in 10 CFR Part 71 apply to NRC licensees that package, transport, or receive licensed material.

The initial version of Regulatory Guide 7.7 endorsed the guidance in the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Standard N14.10.3-1975, "Administrative Guide for Verifying Compliance with Packaging Requirements for Shipments of Radioactive Materials," as an acceptable process for complying with the requirements of 10 CFR 71.5, "Transportation of Licensed Material."

The ANSI standard was withdrawn without replacement; hence, this proposed revision to Regulatory Guide 7.7 contains guidance on the administrative requirements for planning, packaging, transporting, receiving, reporting, and record keeping for shipments of radioactive materials. The staff developed and published this guidance to provide licensees with an acceptable method to satisfy the administrative requirements in 10 CFR part 71.

##### **II. Further Information**

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-7007. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data and should mention DG-7007 in the subject line. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS).

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please include Docket ID NRC-2011-0025 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 website [Regulations.gov](http://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-2011-0025. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, 301-492-3668; e-mail: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov).

*Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by fax to RADB 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 copy for a fee publicly available documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738.

*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](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The Regulatory Analysis is available electronically under ADAMS Accession Number ML101390333.

Comments would be most helpful if received by March 30, 2011. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Electronic copies of DG-7007 are available through the NRC's public Web site under Draft Regulatory Guides in the "Regulatory Guides" collection of the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. Electronic copies are also available in ADAMS (<http://>

[www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html](http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html)), under Accession No. ML101040727.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of January, 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2008-0339]

### Notice of Availability of Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Nichols Ranch In-situ Recovery Project in Campbell and Johnson Counties, WY; Supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for In-situ Leach Uranium Milling Facilities

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published a final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), for *In-situ* Leach Uranium Milling Facilities (NUREG-1910, Supplement 2) for the Nichols Ranch *In-situ* Recovery Project in Campbell and Johnson Counties, Wyoming. By letter dated November 30, 2007, Uranerz Energy Corporation (Uranerz), submitted an application to the NRC for a new source material license for the proposed Nichols Ranch *In-situ* Uranium Recovery Project, located in the Pumpkin Buttes Uranium Mining District within the Powder River Basin. Uranerz is proposing to recover uranium from the site using an *in-situ* leach (also known as an *in-situ* recovery [ISR]) process. In this final SEIS, the NRC staff assessed the environmental impacts from the construction, operation, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning of the proposed Nichols Ranch ISR Project. The proposed Nichols Ranch ISR Project is comprised of two noncontiguous units, the Nichols Ranch Unit and the Hank Unit.

In addition to the proposed action, the NRC staff assessed two alternatives in the final SEIS: the No-Action alternative and an alternative where only the

Nichols Ranch Unit would be developed for ISR operations. Under the No-Action alternative, NRC would deny Uranerz's request to construct, operate, conduct aquifer restoration, and decommission an ISR facility at Nichols Ranch. Alternatives that were considered, but were eliminated from detailed analysis, include conventional mining and conventional milling or heap leach processing. However, given the substantial environmental impact from implementing of these alternatives, they were not further considered. The NRC staff also evaluated alternative lixivants, alternative wastewater disposal options, and an alternative where only the Hank Unit would be developed for ISR operations. For reasons discussed in the SEIS, these alternatives were also eliminated from detailed analysis.

As discussed in Section 2.3 of the final SEIS, unless safety issues mandate otherwise, the NRC staff's recommendation to the Commission related to the environmental aspects of the proposed action is that the source material license be issued as requested. This recommendation is based upon: (1) The license application, including the environmental and technical report submitted by Uranerz and the applicant's supplemental letters and responses to the NRC staff's requests for additional information; (2) consultation with Federal, State, Tribal, and local agencies; (3) the NRC staff's independent review; (4) the NRC staff's consideration of comments received on the draft SEIS; and (5) the assessments summarized in this SEIS.

The final SEIS for the Nichols Ranch ISR Project may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1910/s2/>. Additionally, the NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of the NRC's public documents. The SEIS may also be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The final "Environmental Impact Statement for the Nichols Ranch ISR Project in Campbell and Johnson Counties, Wyoming—Supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement for *In-situ* Leach Uranium Milling Facilities" is available electronically under ADAMS Accession Number ML104330120. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there is a problem accessing 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 [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

Information and documents associated with the final SEIS are also available for inspection at the NRC's PDR, NRC's Headquarters Building, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738. For those without access to the Internet, paper copies of any electronic documents may be obtained for a fee by contacting the NRC's PDR at 1-800-397-4209. The final SEIS and related documents may also be found at the following public libraries:

Campbell County Public Library, 2101 South 4J Road, Gillette, Wyoming 82718, 307-687-0009.  
Johnson County Library, 171 North Adams Avenue, Buffalo, Wyoming 82834, 307-684-5546.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Patricia Swain, Project Manager, Environmental Review Branch-B, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection (DWMEP), Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME), Mail Stop T-8F5, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: 1 (800) 368-5642, extension 5405; E-mail: [Patricia.Swain@nrc.gov](mailto:Patricia.Swain@nrc.gov). For general or technical information associated with the safety and licensing of uranium milling facilities, please contact Stephen Cohen, Team Lead, Uranium Recovery Licensing Branch, DWMEP, FSME, Mail Stop T-8F5, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: 1 (800) 368-5642, extension 7182; E-mail: [Stephen.Cohen@nrc.gov](mailto:Stephen.Cohen@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of January, 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-302; NRC-2011-0024]

### Florida Power Corporation, Crystal River Unit 3 Nuclear Generating Plant; Exemption

#### 1.0 Background

Florida Power Corporation (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-72, which authorizes operation of the Crystal River