

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to the permit modification by March 21, 2011. The permit modification request may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Polly A. Penhale or Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-8030.

Description of Permit Modification Requested

On July 21, 2008, the National Science Foundation issued a waste management permit (2009 WM-001) to Quark Expeditions, Inc. of Waterbury, VT after posting a notice in the June 9, 2008 **Federal Register**. Public comments were not received. The issued permit was for use of emergency provisions ashore during passenger shore excursions should weather deteriorate and passengers are required to stay ashore for an extended period of time. Emergency provisions may include tents, sleeping bags, cooking stoves and a car-type battery for long-range VHR radio communication. The applicant requests to amend their waste permit to including overnight camping on several of their trips to the Antarctic Peninsula.

The duration of the requested modification is coincident with the current permit which expires on March 31, 2013.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC-2011-0034]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC invites public comment about our intention to request the OMB's approval for renewal of an existing information collection that is

summarized below. We are required to publish this notice in the **Federal Register** under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 64, "Travel Voucher" (Part 1); NRC Form 64A, "Travel Voucher" (Part 2); and NRC Form 64B, "Optional Travel Voucher" (Part 2).
2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0192.
3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.
4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Contractors, consultants and invited NRC travelers who travel in the course of conducting business for the NRC.
5. *The number of annual respondents:* 100.
6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 100 (1 hour per form).
7. *Abstract:* Consultants, contractors, and those invited by the NRC to travel (e.g., prospective employees) must file travel vouchers and trip reports in order to be reimbursed for their travel expenses. The information collected includes the name, address, social security number, and the amount to be reimbursed. Travel expenses that are reimbursed are confined to those expenses essential to the transaction of official business for an approved trip.

Submit, by April 19, 2011, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the burden estimate accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

The public may examine and have copied for a fee publicly available documents, including the draft supporting statement, at the NRC's Public Document Room, Room O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic

form will be made available for public inspection. 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. Comments submitted should reference Docket No. NRC-2011-0034. You may submit your comments by any of the following methods. Electronic comments: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket No. NRC-2011-0034. Mail comments to NRC Clearance Officer, Tremaine Donnell (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Tremaine Donnell (T-5 F53), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-6258, or by e-mail to INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of February 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Tremaine Donnell,
NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52-045; NRC-2011-0020]

GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy; Acceptance for Docketing of an Application for Renewal of the U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor Design Certification

On December 7, 2010, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for a design certification (DC) renewal for the U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor (ABWR) in accordance with the requirements contained in 10 CFR part 52, "Licenses, Certifications and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants." A notice of receipt and availability of this application was previously published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 4948) on January 27, 2011.

The NRC staff has determined that GEH has submitted information in accordance with 10 CFR Part 52 that is acceptable for docketing. The docket number established for the GEH ABWR DC renewal is 52-045.

The NRC staff will perform a detailed technical review of the application.

Docketing of the application does not preclude the NRC from requesting additional information from the applicant as the review proceeds, nor does it predict whether the Commission will grant or deny the application. The Commission will receive a report on the DC renewal application from the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards in accordance with 10 CFR 52.57, "Application for Renewal." The Commission will announce in a future **Federal Register** notice the opportunity to comment on a proposed rulemaking to issue the renewal. If the Commission finds that the DC renewal application meets the applicable standards of the Atomic Energy Act and the Commission's regulations, and that required notifications to other agencies and bodies have been made, the Commission will issue a DC renewal, in the form and containing conditions and limitations that the Commission finds appropriate and necessary.

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, and will be accessible electronically through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. The application is also available at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/design-cert.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of February 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Adrian Muñiz,

*Project Manager, BWR Projects Branch,
Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of
New Reactors.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[EA-11-013]

USEC Inc. (American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility and American Centrifuge Plant); Order Approving Direct Transfer of Licenses and Conforming Amendment

I

USEC, Inc. (USEC) is the holder of material licenses numbers SNM-7003 and SNM-2011 for the American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility (Lead Cascade) and American Centrifuge Plant (ACP), respectively, which authorize the licensee to: (1) Possess and use source and special nuclear material at the Lead Cascade at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant site in Piketon, Ohio, in accordance with material license number SNM-7003; and, (2) construct and operate a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility (the ACP) at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant site in Piketon, Ohio, in accordance with material license number SNM-2011.

II

By letter dated September 10, 2010, USEC requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) consent to transfer control of material license numbers SNM-7003 and SNM-2011 from USEC to a subsidiary limited liability company, American Centrifuge Operating (ACO), LLC. In addition, USEC requested NRC approval of changes to the Lead Cascade and the ACP material licenses. With NRC's approval of the request to transfer licenses, USEC will then make conforming changes to the license applications to reflect ACO as the Licensee. USEC's request included conforming changes to Chapter 2 of the combined Lead Cascade and ACP security program.

Approval of the direct transfer of the licenses and of the conforming license amendments was requested pursuant to 10 CFR 70.36. A notice of consideration of approval was published in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 2010 (75 FR 70300), including a notice of opportunity to request a hearing, or to submit written comments. No requests for a hearing were submitted in response to this notice. However, the Ohio Sierra Club submitted a written request, dated December 5, 2010 (ADAMS Accession No. ML103370366), for a public meeting to discuss this request to transfer licenses. In response, the NRC held a public meeting on January 4, 2011, in Piketon, Ohio, to discuss NRC's process for reviewing

USEC's request to transfer licenses with members of the Sierra Club and other members of the public. During the meeting, the Southern Ohio Neighbors Group (SONG) submitted written comments regarding the transfer of licenses to the NRC. SONG's comments were received after the December 17, 2010, due date for submittal of comments provided in the November 17, 2010, **Federal Register** Notice. The NRC considered the comments to the maximum extent practicable within the enclosed Safety Evaluation Report.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 30.34(b), 40.46, and 70.36, no license granted under those parts, and no right thereunder to use byproduct, source, or special nuclear material, shall be transferred, assigned, or in any manner disposed of, directly or indirectly, through transfer of control of any license, to any person, unless the Commission shall, after securing full information, find that the transfer is in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (the Act), as amended, and shall give its consent in writing.

The Commission will approve an application for the direct or indirect transfer of a license if the Commission determines that the proposed restructuring and reorganization will not affect the qualifications of the Licensee to hold the license, and that the transfer is otherwise consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission pursuant thereto. After review of the information in USEC's request and other information before the Commission, and relying on the representations and agreements contained in the request, the NRC staff has determined that the proposed corporate restructuring and direct transfer of the licenses are acceptable and consistent with applicable provisions of law, regulations, and orders issued by the Commission. The NRC staff has further determined that the application for the proposed license amendments complies with the standards and requirements of the Act, as amended, and the Commission's rules and regulations set forth in Title 10 Chapter I. The requested direct transfer of the licenses and issuance of the conforming license amendments would not be inimical to the common defense and security, or to the health and safety of the public, or the environment. Furthermore, the issuance of the proposed amendments would be in accordance with 10 CFR part 51 of the Commission's regulations, and all applicable requirements have been satisfied.