

company, Energy Fuels, will remain qualified by reason of training and experience to use source material as to protect health and minimize danger to life or property; equipment, facilities, and procedures will remain adequate to protect health and minimize danger to life or property; and this action is not inimical to the common defense and security or to the health and safety of the public.

These actions comply with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's rules and regulations.

II. Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through the ADAMS Public Documents collection.

| Document | ADAMS Accession No. |
|--|---------------------|
| Applicant's application, March 12, 2015. | ML15084A286 |
| Supplementary information, June 5, 2015. | ML15160A025 |
| NRC Letter approving change of control, June 18, 2015. | ML15161A464 |
| NRC Order dated June 18, 2015. | ML15161A470 |
| NRC Safety Evaluation Report dated June 18, 2015. | ML15161A486 |

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of July, 2015.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Andrew Persinko,

Deputy Director, Division of Decommissioning, Uranium Recovery, and Waste Programs Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-295 and 50-304; NRC-2015-0168]

ZionSolutions, LLC, Zion Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Exemption; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an exemption from certain emergency planning requirements in response to a May 27, 2014, request from ZionSolutions, LLC. The exemptions remove requirements that are no longer applicable since all the fuel has been transferred from the spent fuel pool to

an independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI).

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0168 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0168. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John B. Hickman, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-3017, email: John.Hickman@nrc.gov.

I. Background

In section 50.47 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Emergency plans," provides in part, ". . . no initial operating license for a nuclear power reactor will be issued unless a finding is made by the NRC that there is reasonable assurance that adequate protective measures can and will be taken in the event of a radiological emergency." Appendix E to 10 CFR part 50, "Emergency Planning and Preparedness for Production and Utilization Facilities," provides in part, "This appendix establishes minimum requirements for emergency plans for use in attaining an acceptable state of emergency preparedness."

Zion Nuclear Power Station (ZNPS), Units 1 and 2 were permanently shut

down in February 1998, for economic reasons. The licensee placed the plant in SAFSTOR, which means that the licensee deferred dismantling and decontamination of the facility while maintaining and monitoring the facility in a condition that allowed radioactivity to decay. The licensee isolated the spent fuel pool (SFP) within its Fuel Building and established a spent fuel pool nuclear island with SFP-dedicated support systems. In 1999, the NRC issued an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR part 50 for the ZNPS licensee to discontinue offsite emergency planning activities and to reduce the scope of onsite emergency planning. In September 2010, the licensed ownership, management authorities, and decommissioning trust fund of the permanently shutdown facility was transferred to ZionSolutions (ZS), a subsidiary of EnergySolutions, for the purpose of completing all decommissioning activities with the end goal of full site restoration. Active decommissioning is currently underway. As of January 12, 2015, all of the spent fuel at the ZNPS had been transferred to the ZNPS ISFSI.

II. Request/Action

By letter dated May 27, 2014, (ADAMS Accession No. ML14148A295), ZS submitted a "License Amendment Request for Proposed Revision to Zion Nuclear Power Station Defueled Station Emergency Plan and Request for Exemption from Certain Requirements of 10 CFR 50.47, and 10 CFR part 50, appendix E." The amendment request was addressed separately by the NRC in a letter dated May 14, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15092A380).

III. Discussion

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50 when (1) the exemptions are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health or safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security; and (2) when special circumstances are present.

The NRC staff reviewed the licensee's request and determined that exemptions should be granted, or continue to be granted, from the following requirements: The requirements of 10 CFR 50.47(b)(10); the requirement: "By June 20, 2012, nuclear power reactor," and "within 15 minutes," and to protect public health and safety provided that any delay in declaration does not deny the State and local authorities the opportunity to implement measures

necessary to protect the public health and safety,” of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, section IV.C.2; the requirement: “and agreements reached with these officials and agencies for the prompt notification of the public and for public evacuation or other protective measures, should they become necessary,” and “of the appropriate officials, by title and agency,” and “within the EPZs,” of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, section IV.D.1; the requirement: “onsite technical support center and an emergency operations,” of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, section IV.E 8.a.(i); the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, section IV.E.9.c; the requirement: “from the nuclear power reactor control room, the onsite technical support center, and the emergency operations facility,” of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, section IV.E.9.d; the requirement: “including control room shift personnel,” of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, section IV.F.1.ii; the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, section IV.F.1.viii; the requirement: “/Civil Defense,” and “local news media persons,” of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, section IV.F.1; the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, section IV.F.2.a; including subsections IV.F.2.a.(i), IV.F.2.a.(ii), and IV.F.2.a.(iii); the requirement: “Nuclear power reactor licensees shall submit exercise scenarios under 10 CFR 50.4 at least 60 days before use in an exercise required by this paragraph 2.b. The exercise may be included in the full participation biennial exercise required by paragraph 2.c. of this section,” and “and offsite,” and “protective action recommendation development, protective action decision making, plant,” and “(Technical Support Center (TSC), Operations Support Center (OSC), and the Emergency Operations Facility (EOF)),” of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, section IV.F.2.b.

The exemption request was reviewed against the acceptance criteria included in 10 CFR 50.47, appendix E to 10 CFR part 50, 10 CFR 72.32 and Spent Fuel Project Office Interim Staff Guidance—16, “Emergency Planning” (ADAMS Accession No. ML003724570). The review considered the permanently shutdown and defueled status of the reactor with all fuel transferred to the ISFSI, and the low likelihood of any credible accident resulting in radiological releases requiring offsite protective measures. These evaluations are documented in the NRC staff Safety Evaluation Report (ADAMS Accession No. ML15140A563). The staff concludes that the Defueled Station Emergency Plan for ZNPS provides: (1) An adequate

basis for an acceptable state of emergency preparedness, and (2) in conjunction with arrangements made with offsite response agencies, provides reasonable assurance that adequate protective measures can and will be taken in the event of a radiological emergency at the ZNPS Site.

The Commission has concluded that the licensee’s request for an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 50.47(b) and 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, section IV as specified above are acceptable in view of the greatly reduced offsite radiological consequences associated with the current plant status as permanently shutdown with all spent fuel in the ISFSI.

The NRC has determined that other requirements from which ZS requested exemptions were not applicable to the ZNPS or are being met by the ZNPS Defueled Station Emergency Plan, or that an exemption was not appropriate. Therefore, an exemption was not necessary or was denied for those requirements.

A. Exemption Is Authorized by Law

The NRC has found that ZS meets the criteria for an exemption in 10 CFR 50.12. The NRC has determined that granting the exemption will not result in a violation of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, or the Commission’s regulations. Therefore, the exemption is authorized by law.

B. The Exemption Presents No Undue Risk to Public Health and Safety and Is Consistent With the Common Defense and Security

In the Safety Evaluation Report, the NRC staff explains that ZS’s implementation of the ZNPS Defueled Station Emergency Plan, with the exemptions, will continue to provide this reasonable assurance of adequate protection. In addition, the requested exemptions only involve EP requirements under 10 CFR part 50. Physical security measures at ZNPS will not be affected by the requested EP exemptions, and granting the exemptions will not adversely affect ZS’s ability to physically secure the site or protect special nuclear material. Thus, granting the exemptions will not present an undue risk to public health or safety and is not inconsistent with the common defense and security.

C. Special Circumstances Are Present

For the Commission to grant an exemption, special circumstances must exist. Under 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), special circumstances are present when “[a]pplication of the regulation in the

particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.” These special circumstances exist here, given the current plant status as permanently shutdown with all spent fuel in the ISFSI. The NRC has determined that ZS’s compliance with the regulations listed above is not necessary for the licensee to demonstrate that, under its emergency plan, there is reasonable assurance that adequate protective measures can and will be taken in the event of a radiological emergency. Consequently, special circumstances are present because requiring ZS to comply with the regulations listed above is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the EP regulations.

D. Environmental Considerations

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.21, 51.32, and 51.35, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact related to this exemption was published in the **Federal Register** on July 16, 2015 (80 FR 42129). Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has determined that issuance of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

IV. Conclusion

The NRC staff reviewed the licensee’s submittals and concludes that the licensee’s request for an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 50.47(b) and appendix E to 10 CFR part 50 as specified above are acceptable in view of the greatly reduced offsite radiological consequences associated with the current plant status as permanently shut down.

The Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemptions are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, are consistent with the common defense and security, and special circumstances are present in that compliance with the specified regulations is not necessary for reasonable assurance that adequate protective measures can and will be taken in the event of a radiological emergency at the ZNPS facility based on its permanently shut-down condition.

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of July, 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Uranium Recovery and Waste Programs,
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2015-0043]

Information Collection: Request for Information Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3 of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights From the Fukushima Dai-ichi Event

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Renewal of existing information
collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission (NRC) invites public
comment on the renewal of Office of
Management and Budget (OMB)
approval for an existing collection of
information. The information collection
is entitled, "Request for Information
Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3,
and 9.3 of the Near-Term Task Force
Review of Insights from the Fukushima
Dai-ichi Event."

DATES: Submit comments by September
28, 2015. Comments received after this
date will be considered if it is practical
to do so, but the Commission is able to
ensure consideration only for comments
received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0043. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Tremaine Donnell, Office of Information Services, Mail Stop: T-5 F53, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on obtaining
information and submitting comments,
see "Obtaining Information and
Submitting Comments" in the
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of
this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Tremaine Donnell, Office of Information

Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission, Washington, DC 20555-
0001; telephone: 301-415-6258; email:
INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-
0043 when contacting the NRC about
the availability of information for this
action. You may obtain publicly-
available information related to this
action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2015-0043. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing Docket ID NRC-2015-0043 on this Web site.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by accessing ADAMS Accession No. ML12053A340. The supporting statement and burden estimates are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML15128A589 and ML15128A602.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

- *NRC's Clearance Officer:* A copy of the collection of information and related instructions may be obtained without charge by contacting NRC's Clearance Officer, Tremaine Donnell, Office of Information Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6258; email: INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@NRC.GOV.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2015-
0043 in the subject line of your
comment submission, in order to ensure
that the NRC is able to make your
comment submission available to the
public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include
identifying or contact information in
comment submissions that you do not
want to be publicly disclosed in your
comment submission. The NRC will
post all comment submissions at
<http://www.regulations.gov> as well as
enter the comment submissions into
ADAMS, and the NRC does not
routinely edit comment submissions to
remove identifying or contact
information.

If you are requesting or aggregating
comments from other persons for
submission to the NRC, then you should
inform those persons not to include
identifying or contact information that
they do not want to be publicly
disclosed in their comment submission.
Your request should state that the NRC
does not routinely edit comment
submissions to remove such information
before making the comment
submissions available to the public or
entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

In accordance with the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C.
chapter 35), the NRC is requesting
public comment on its intention to
request the OMB's approval for the
information collection summarized
below.

1. *The title of the information collection:* Request for Information Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.54(f) Regarding Recommendations 2.1, 2.3, and 9.3 of the Near-Term Task Force Review of Insights from the Fukushima Dai-ichi Event.
2. *OMB approval number:* 3150-0211.
3. *Type of submission:* Extension.
4. *The form number, if applicable:* Not applicable.
5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* Once.
6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* 99 power reactor licensees, 1 reactor in the process of resuming licensing, and 2 Combined License holders (2 units each).
7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 124.
8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 104.
9. *The estimated number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 205,902.

10. *Abstract:* Following events at the Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear power plant resulting from the March 11, 2011, earthquake and subsequent tsunami, and in response to requirements contained in section 402 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (Pub. L. 112-074), the NRC requested information from power reactor