

requestor's/petitioner's interest. The petition must also identify the specific contentions which the requestor/petitioner seeks to have litigated at the proceeding.

Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the requestor/petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases for the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. The petition must include sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A requestor/petitioner who fails to satisfy these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing. Since the Commission has made a final determination that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, if a hearing is requested, it will not stay the effectiveness of the amendment. Any hearing held would take place while the amendment is in effect.

Arizona Public Service Company,
Docket No. 50-529, Palo Verde Nuclear
Generating Station, Unit 2, Maricopa
County, Arizona

Date of amendment request:
September 4, 2015, as supplemented by
letter dated September 15, 2015.

Description of amendment request:
The amendment added a Note to
Technical Specification Surveillance
Requirement (SR) 3.1.5.3, Control
Element Assembly (CEA) freedom of
movement surveillance, such that Unit
2, CEA 88 may be excluded from the
remaining quarterly performance of the
SR in Unit 2, Cycle 19 due to a degraded
upper gripper coil. The amendment
allows the licensee to delay exercising
CEA 88 until after repairs can be made
during the upcoming fall 2015 outage.

Date of issuance: September 25, 2015.

Effective date: This license
amendment is effective as of the date of
issuance and shall be implemented
prior to the SR 3.1.5.3 performance due
date for CEA 88 in Unit 2, Cycle 19.

Amendment No.: 196. A publicly-
available version is in ADAMS under
Accession No. ML15266A005;
documents related to this amendment
are listed in the Safety Evaluation
enclosed with the amendment.

*Renewed Facility Operating License
No. NPF-51:* Amendment revised the
Operating License and Technical
Specifications.

*Public comments requested as to
proposed no significant hazards
consideration (NSHC):* Yes. Public
notice of the proposed amendment was
published in the *Arizona Republic*,
located in Phoenix, Arizona, from
September 21 through September 22,
2015. The notice provided an
opportunity to submit comments on the
Commission's proposed NSHC
determination. No comments were
received. The supplemental letter dated
September 15, 2015, provided
additional information that clarified the
application, did not expand the scope of
the application as originally noticed,
and did not change the staff's original
proposed NSHC determination as
published in the *Arizona Republic*.

The Commission's related evaluation
of the amendment, finding of exigent
circumstances, state consultation, and
final NSHC determination are contained
in a Safety Evaluation dated September
25, 2015.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day
of October 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Anne T. Boland,

*Director, Division of Operating Reactor
Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor
Regulation.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[Docket Nos. 52-012 and 52-013; NRC-
2008-0091]**

In the Matter of Nuclear Innovation North America LLC, Combined Licenses for South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4; Notice of Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission (NRC or the Commission)
will convene an evidentiary session to
receive testimony and exhibits in the
uncontested portion of this proceeding
regarding the application of Nuclear
Innovation North America LLC (NINA)
for combined licenses (COLs) to
construct and operate two additional
units (Units 3 and 4) at the South Texas
Project (STP) Electric Generating Station
site in Matagorda County near Bay City,
Texas. This mandatory hearing will
concern safety and environmental
matters relating to the requested COLs.

DATES: The hearing will be held on
November 19, 2015, beginning at 8:30
a.m. Eastern Time. For the schedule for
submitting pre-filed documents and
deadlines affecting Interested
Government Participants, see Section VI
of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**
section of this document.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket IDs
52-012 and 52-013 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:

- NRC's Electronic Hearing Docket:
You may obtain publicly available
documents related to this hearing online
at [http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/
regulatory/adjudicatory.html](http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/adjudicatory.html).

- 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](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 it 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:
Glenn Ellmers, Office of the Secretary,
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone:
301-415-0442; email: Glenn.Ellmers@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Commission hereby gives notice that, pursuant to section 189a of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), it will convene an evidentiary session to receive testimony and exhibits in the uncontested portion of this proceeding regarding NINA's September 20, 2007, application for COLs under part 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), to construct and operate two additional units (Units 3 and 4) at the STP Electric Generating Station site in Matagorda County near Bay City, Texas (ADAMS Accession No. ML15120A324). This mandatory hearing will concern safety and environmental matters relating to the requested COLs, as more fully described below. Participants in the hearing are not to address any contested issues in their written filings or oral presentations.

II. Evidentiary Uncontested Hearing

The Commission will conduct this hearing beginning at 8:30 a.m., Eastern Time on November 19, 2015, at the Commission's headquarters in Rockville, Maryland. The hearing on these issues will continue on subsequent days, if necessary.

III. Presiding Officer

The Commission is the presiding officer for this proceeding.

IV. Matters To Be Considered

The matter at issue in this proceeding is whether the review of the application by the Commission's staff has been adequate to support the findings found in 10 CFR 52.97 and 10 CFR 51.107. Those findings that must be made for each COL are as follows:

Issues Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as Amended

The Commission will determine whether (1) the applicable standards and requirements of the Act and the Commission's regulations have been met; (2) any required notifications to other agencies or bodies have been duly made; (3) there is reasonable assurance that the facility will be constructed and will operate in conformity with the license, the provisions of the Act, and the Commission's regulations; (4) the applicant is technically and financially qualified to engage in the activities authorized; and (5) issuance of the license will not be inimical to the common defense and security or the health and safety of the public.

Issues Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as Amended

The Commission will (1) determine whether the requirements of sections 102(2)(A), (C), and (E) of NEPA and the applicable regulations in 10 CFR part 51 have been met; (2) independently consider the final balance among conflicting factors contained in the record of the proceeding with a view to determining the appropriate action to be taken; (3) determine, after weighing the environmental, economic, technical, and other benefits against environmental and other costs, and considering reasonable alternatives, whether the combined licenses should be issued, denied, or appropriately conditioned to protect environmental values; and (4) determine whether the NEPA review conducted by the NRC staff has been adequate.

V. Schedule for Submittal of Pre-Filed Documents

No later than October 29, 2015, unless the Commission directs otherwise, the staff and the applicant shall submit a list of its anticipated witnesses for the hearing.

No later than October 29, 2015, unless the Commission directs otherwise, the applicant shall submit its pre-filed written testimony. The staff previously submitted its testimony on September 30, 2015.

The Commission may issue written questions to the applicant or the staff before the hearing. If such questions are issued, an order containing such questions will be issued no later than October 16, 2015. Responses to such questions are due October 29, 2015, unless the Commission directs otherwise.

VI. Interested Government Participants

No later than October 14, 2015, any interested State, local government body, or affected, Federally-recognized Indian tribe may file with the Commission a statement of any issues or questions to which the State, local government body, or Indian tribe wishes the Commission to give particular attention as part of the uncontested hearing process. Such statement may be accompanied by any supporting documentation that the State, local government body, or Indian tribe sees fit to provide. Any statements and supporting documentation (if any) received by the Commission using the agency's E-filing system¹ by the

¹ The process for accessing and using the agency's E-filing system is described in the February 20, 2009, notice of hearing that was issued by the Commission for this proceeding. See South Texas

deadline indicated above will be made part of the record of the proceeding. The Commission will use such statements and documents as appropriate to inform its pre-hearing questions to the Staff and applicant, its inquiries at the oral hearing and its decision following the hearing. The Commission may also request, prior to November 5, 2015, that one or more particular States, local government bodies, or Indian tribes send one representative each to the evidentiary hearing to answer Commission questions and/or make a statement for the purpose of assisting the Commission's exploration of one or more of the issues raised by the State, local government body, or Indian tribe in the pre-hearing filings described above. The decision of whether to request the presence of a representative of a State, local government body, or Indian tribe at the evidentiary hearing to make a statement and/or answer Commission questions is solely at the Commission's discretion. The Commission's request will specify the issue or issues that the representative should be prepared to address.

States, local governments, or Indian Tribes should be aware that this evidentiary hearing is separate and distinct from the NRC's contested hearing process. Issues within the scope of contentions that have been admitted or contested issues pending before the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board or the Commission in a contested proceeding for a COL application are outside the scope of the uncontested proceeding for that COL application. In addition, although States, local governments, or Indian tribes participating as described above may take any position they wish, or no position at all, with respect to issues regarding the COL application or the NRC staff's associated environmental review that do fall within the scope of the uncontested proceeding (*i.e.*, issues that are not within the scope of admitted contentions or pending contested issues), they should be aware that many of the procedures and rights applicable to the NRC's contested hearing process due to the inherently adversarial nature of such proceedings are not available with respect to this uncontested hearing. Participation in

Project Nuclear Operating Company Application for the South Texas Project Units 3 and 4; Notice of Order, Hearing, and Opportunity To Petition for Leave To Intervene 74 FR 7934. Participants who are unable to use the electronic information exchange (EIE), or who will have difficulty complying with EIE requirements in the time frame provided for submission of written statements, may provide their statements by electronic mail to hearingdocket@nrc.gov.

the NRC's contested hearing process is governed by 10 CFR 2.309 (for persons or entities, including States, local governments, or Indian tribes, seeking to file contentions of their own) and 10 CFR 2.315(c) (for interested States, local governments, and Indian tribes seeking to participate with respect to contentions filed by others). Participation in this uncontested hearing does not affect the right of a State, local government, or Indian tribe to participate in the separate contested hearing process.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of October 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook,

Secretary of the Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2015-0005]

Information Collection: NRC Form 748, National Source Tracking Transaction Report

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of submission to the Office of Management and Budget; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted a request for renewal of an existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. The information collection is entitled, "NRC Form 748, National Source Tracking Transaction Report."

DATES: Submit comments by November 12, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments directly to the OMB reviewer at: Vlad Dorjets, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0202) NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; telephone: 202-395-1741, email: Vladik_Dorjets@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tremaine Donnell, NRC Clearance Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-41-6258; email: INFOCOLLECTS.Resource@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0005 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-2015-0005.
- *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 supporting statement is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML15226A163.

- *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 the 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

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. All comment submissions are posted at <http://www.regulations.gov> and entered into ADAMS. Comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the OMB, 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 comment submissions are not routinely edited to remove such information before making the comment

submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

II. Background

Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the NRC recently submitted a request for renewal of an existing collection of information to OMB for review entitled, "NRC Form 748, National Source Tracking Transaction Report." The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The NRC published a **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on June 12, 2015 (80 FR 33570).

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 748, National Source Tracking Transaction Report.
2. *OMB approval number:* 3150-0202.
3. *Type of submission:* Extension.
4. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 748.

5. *How often the collection is required or requested:* On occasion (at completion of a transaction, and at inventory reconciliation).

6. *Who will be required or asked to respond:* Licensees that manufacture, receive, transfer, disassemble, or dispose of nationally tracked sources.

7. *The estimated number of annual responses:* 20,306 (13,200 online + 480 batch upload + 6,626 NRC Form 748).

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 1,400 (260 NRC Licensees + 1,140 Agreement State Licensees).

9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to comply with the information collection requirement or request:* 2,209.7.

Abstract: In 2006, the NRC amended its regulations to implement a National Source Tracking System (NSTS) for certain sealed sources. The amendments require licensees to report certain transactions involving nationally tracked sources to the NSTS. These transactions include the manufacture, transfer, receipt, disassembly, or disposal of the nationally tracked source. This information collection is mandatory and is used to populate the NSTS. National source tracking is part of a comprehensive radioactive source control program for radioactive materials of greatest concern. The NRC and Agreement States use the information provided by licensees in the NSTS to track the life cycle of the nationally tracked source from manufacture through shipment receipt, decay, and burial. The NSTS enhances