

(i.e., H-3, C-14, Tc-99 and I-129) on the Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest.

In 2013, the NRC staff also identified additional changes that may be needed for the Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest forms and associated guidance in NUREG/BR-0204 as a part of the ongoing part 61 of title 10 of the Code of **Federal Register** (10 CFR) rulemaking (Docket ID *NRC-2009-0257*). The 10 CFR part 61 rulemaking, however, had not progressed far enough for the specific changes to the Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest forms and NUREG/BR-0204 to be known with certainty.

Therefore, staff developed Regulatory Information Summary (RIS-15-002) to address stakeholder concerns regarding the reporting of hard-to-detect radionuclides on the Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest. This RIS, titled "Reporting of H-3, C-14, Tc-99, and I-129 on the Uniform Waste Manifest" (ADAMS Accession No. ML14272A217), informs addressees of the option to use indirect methods to determine the activity of H-3, C-14, Tc-99, and I-129 reported on the Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest when the radionuclide is present at a concentration less than the lower limit of detection (LLD). The request for comments on draft RIS was published on in the **Federal Register** on June 2, 2014 (79 FR 31348), and the final RIS was published on February 18, 2015.

In September of 2017, the NRC received direction from the Commission on the part 61 rulemaking in SRM-SECY-16-0106 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17251B147), and the NRC staff determined that there was enough certainty in the portions of the part 61 rulemaking that affected the Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest to issue a draft of the manifest forms and the instructions in NUREG/BR-0204 for comment. The NRC staff considered the comments received in 2013 when revising these documents. Major areas of revision include: Updated references to Department of Transportation (DOT) regulations to reflect the current DOT regulations, additional discussion on the reporting of inventories based on LLD values, the potential use of indirect methods to determine these inventories, including the use of indirect methods in waste classification, clarification of the certification statement on Form 540, and overall improvements to the clarity of NUREG/BR-0204.

The NRC is requesting public comments on the draft revised Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest (NRC Forms 540, 541, and 542) and on

the draft Rev. 3 to NUREG/BR-0204, and on the draft regulatory analysis. The NRC staff will consider any comments received in preparing the final version of Rev. 3 and the revised NRC Forms 540, 541, and 542. In responding, commenters are encouraged to provide specific suggestions and the basis for suggestions offered. Specifically, the NRC staff requests comment on the following questions:

1. Do the proposed revised Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest Forms 540, 541, and 542 request all of the information that is needed for the transport and disposal of low-level radioactive waste to be safely managed? Is there any additional information that should be collected?

2. Is any additional guidance or clarification needed in the instructions for filling out the Uniform Low-Level Radioactive Waste Manifest Forms in NUREG/BR-0204?

3. NRC Form 541 has lists of container description codes (note 1), waste descriptor codes (note 2), and sorption and solidification media (note 3) that have not been updated recently. Are there any items that should be added to these lists based on new technology or changes to industry practices? Are there any items on these lists that should be deleted because they are no longer in use or for any other reason? Should the items in the lists be combined in any way?

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of October, 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2018-0001]

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: Weeks of October 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3, 2018.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of October 29, 2018

Monday, October 29, 2018

9:00 a.m. Transformation at the NRC (Public) (Contact: Kevin Williams: 301-415-1611)

This meeting will be webcast live at the web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

Week of November 5, 2018—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 5, 2018.

Week of November 12, 2018—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 12, 2018.

Week of November 19, 2018—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 19, 2018.

Week of November 26, 2018—Tentative

Thursday, November 29, 2018

10:00 a.m. Briefing on Security Issues (Closed Ex. 1)

Week of December 3, 2018

Monday, December 3, 2018

10:00 a.m. Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Employment, and Small Business (Public) (Contact: Larniece McKoy Moore: 301-415-1942)

This meeting will be webcast live at the web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

Thursday, December 6, 2018

10:00 a.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (Public) (Contact: Mark Banks: 301-415-3718)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information or to verify the status of meetings, contact Denise McGovern at 301-415-0681 or via email at Denise.McGovern@nrc.gov. The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of October, 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 52-025 and 52-026; NRC-2008-0252]

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 3 and 4; Changes to Tier 2* Departure Evaluation Process

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Exemption and combined license amendment; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is granting an exemption for prior NRC approval of any departure from Tier 2* information or any departure from Tier 2 information that involves a change to or departure from Tier 2* information, provided that specified criteria are not met, and is issuing License Amendment Nos. 142 and 141 to Combined Licenses (COLs) NPF-91 and NPF-92, respectively. The COLs were issued to Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., and Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, MEAG Power SPVM, LLC, MEAG Power SPVJ, LLC, MEAG Power SPVP, LLC, and the City of Dalton, Georgia (collectively SNC); for construction and operation of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP) Units 3 and 4, located in Burke County, Georgia.

The granting of the exemption allows the imposition of License Condition 2.D.13 asked for in the amendment request. Because the acceptability of the exemption was determined in part by the acceptability of the amendment, the exemption and amendment are being issued concurrently.

DATES: The exemption and amendment were issued on September 20, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2008-0252 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 Website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2008-0252. Address questions about NRC Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: Jennifer.Borges@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 "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 it is mentioned in this document. The request for the amendment and exemption was submitted by letter dated December 21, 2017, and available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML17355A416.

- *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: Chandu Patel, Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-3025; email: Chandu.Patel@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The NRC is granting an exemption from paragraphs B.5.a, B.6.b, and B.6.c of section VIII, "Processes for Changes and Departures," of Appendix D, of Part 52 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), and issuing License Amendment No. to COLs, NPF-91 and NPF-92, to SNC. With the requested amendment, SNC sought proposed License Condition 2.D.13 and proposed changes that would revise the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report Tier 2 information.

Part of the justification for granting the exemption was provided by the review of the amendment. Because the

exemption is necessary in order to issue the requested license amendment, the NRC granted the exemption and issued the amendment concurrently, rather than in sequence. This included issuing a combined safety evaluation containing the NRC staff's review of both the exemption request and the license amendment. The exemption met all applicable regulatory criteria set forth in Sections 50.12 and 52.7 of 10 CFR part 52. The license amendment was found to be acceptable as well. The combined safety evaluation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18207A262.

Identical exemption documents (except for referenced unit numbers and license numbers) were issued to SNC for VEGP Units 3 and 4 (COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92). The exemption documents for VEGP Units 3 and 4 can be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML18235A031 and ML18235032, respectively. The exemption is reproduced (with the exception of abbreviated titles and additional citations) in Section II of this document. The amendment documents for COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML18235A033 and ML18235A035, respectively. A summary of the amendment documents is provided in Section III of this document.

II. Exemption

Reproduced below is the exemption document issued to VEGP Units 3 and 4. It makes reference to the combined safety evaluation that provides the reasoning for the findings made by the NRC (and listed under Item 1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated December 21, 2017, as supplemented by letters dated April 6, May 11, June 18, August 3, August 10, and September 13, 2018, SNC requested from the Commission an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR part 52, Appendix D, "Design Certification Rule for the AP1000 Design," Section VIII, "Processes for Changes and Departures," paragraphs VIII.B.5.a, VIII.B.6.b, and VIII.B.6.c, for prior NRC approval of any departure from Tier 2* information or any departure from Tier 2 information that involves a change to or departure from Tier 2* information, provided that specified criteria are not met. SNC specified the criteria in a new license condition in license amendment request (LAR) 17-037, "Changes to the Tier 2* Departure Evaluation Process," which SNC submitted together with the exemption request. The proposed license condition would allow SNC to apply the change process for Tier 2 information in 10 CFR part 52, Appendix D, Section VIII.B.5, to a