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Dated: March 8, 2024.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT CORPORATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

**PLACE:** 1255 Union Street NE, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20002.

**STATUS:** Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Audit Committee Board of Directors meeting.

The General Counsel of the Corporation has certified that in her opinion, one or more of the exemptions set forth in the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) permit closure of the following portion(s) of this meeting:

- Executive (Closed) Session

### Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Discussion Item: FY2023 External Audit—BDO
- III. Sunshine Act Approval of Executive (Closed) Session
- IV. Executive Session: Executive Session with External Auditors—BDO
- V. Executive Session: Special Topic
- VI. Executive Session: GAO Workplan Update
- VII. Executive Session: Chief Audit Executive Report
- VIII. Action Item: Approval of FY2023 External Audit and Recommendation to the Board
- IX. Action Item: Resolution of Recognition of Service for Board Member Rodney Hood
- X. Action Item: Quality Assurance and Improvement Program (QAIP) Policy Document
- XI. Action Item: Proposed Retirement Plan Audit Services Firm
- XII. Discussion Item: Internal Audit Status Reports
  - a. Bio of New Internal Audit VP Hire
  - b. Internal Audit Performance Scorecard
  - c. Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations
  - d. Officers Report
- XIII. Management Reports

a. Network Watchlist Report

**PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** Everything except the Executive (Closed) Session.

**PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:** Executive (Closed) Session.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-610; NRC-2022-0167]

### Abilene Christian University; Molten Salt Research Reactor; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering whether to issue a construction permit (CP) to Abilene Christian University (ACU) to authorize the construction of a proposed non-power molten salt research reactor (MSRR). The MSRR would be an up to 1 megawatt-thermal, graphite moderated, fluoride salt flowing fluid (fuel dissolved in the salt) research reactor that would be located in the existing Gayle and Max Dillard Science and Engineering Research Center (SERC) building on the ACU campus in Abilene, Texas. The NRC has prepared this environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) that considers the impacts associated with issuing the CP. **DATES:** The EA and FONSI referenced in this document are available on March 14, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2022-0167 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 <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2022-0167. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia Vokoun, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-4067; email: [Patricia.Vokoun@nrc.gov](mailto:Patricia.Vokoun@nrc.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

By application dated August 12, 2022, as supplemented by letters dated October 14, 2022, September 27, 2023, and November 14, 2023, ACU submitted, pursuant to section 104c of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and part 50 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," a CP application for the MSRR. A notice of receipt and availability of the CP application was published in the **Federal Register** (FR) on October 14, 2022 (87 FR 62463). A notice of the acceptability for docketing of the CP application was published in the FR on November 28, 2022 (87 FR 73051) as was a January 31, 2023, notice of opportunity to request a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (88 FR 6319). The NRC has prepared an EA as part of its review of the CP application in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions." Based on the results of the EA, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) and is issuing a FONSI.

**II. Environmental Assessment**

The NRC issuance of a CP would constitute an authorization for ACU to proceed with the construction of the MSRR in the existing SERC building on the ACU campus in Abilene, Texas. The need for the MSRR is to conduct research on molten salt reactor technology. This would help to further the research of ACU’s Nuclear Energy eXperimental Testing Laboratory whose mission is to seek solutions to the world’s need for energy, water, and medical isotopes by advancing the technology of molten salt reactors while educating future leaders in nuclear science and engineering. The MSRR would not produce electricity and would be the first university-based molten salt research reactor.

In the EA, the NRC staff assessed the potential direct and indirect environmental impacts from the proposed action associated with the following relevant resource areas: land use and visual resources; air quality and noise; hydrogeology and water resources; ecological resources; historic and cultural resources; socioeconomic and environmental justice; human health; nonradiological waste management; uranium fuel cycle and

radiological waste management; transportation of radioactive material; postulated accidents; and climate change. The NRC staff also considered the cumulative impacts from past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions when combined with the proposed action. The NRC staff identified alternatives to the proposed action and the environmental impacts of the alternatives as appropriate. The NRC staff determined that the environmental impacts of the proposed action would be SMALL for each potentially affected environmental resource, meaning that the environmental effects are not detectable or are so minor that they will neither destabilize nor noticeably alter any important attribute of the resource. The NRC staff also determined that there are no alternatives that meet the need for the proposed action and that are environmentally preferable to the proposed action.

The issuance of a CP is a separate licensing action from the issuance of an operating license (OL). If the NRC issues a CP for the MSRR and ACU were to seek NRC approval to operate the MSRR, then ACU would have to submit a separate application for an OL pursuant to the NRC’s regulations, and ACU would have to obtain NRC

approval before it could operate the MSRR. The NRC staff would review any application for an OL for the MSRR for new and significant information related to the environmental impacts of operating and decommissioning the MSRR that might alter the staff’s conclusions made in the EA for the CP application.

**III. Finding of No Significant Impact**

As required by 10 CFR 51.21, “Criteria for and identification of licensing and regulatory actions requiring environmental assessments,” the NRC prepared the EA. On the basis of the EA, the NRC concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.31, “Determinations based on environmental assessment,” not to prepare an EIS for the proposed action.

**IV. Availability of Documents**

The following table identifies the EA and FONSI and related documents. The documents are available for public inspection online through ADAMS at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> at the listed accession numbers.

Document description	Adams accession No.
Environmental Assessment for the Construction Permit Application for the Abilene Christian University Molten Salt Research Reactor, dated January 31, 2024.	ML23300A053.
Letter to NRC from ACU, Construction Permit Application Preliminary Safety Analysis Report Revision 1, dated November 14, 2023.	ML23319A094 (Package).
Email to NRC from ACU, Response Regarding Environmental Review Requests for Confirmatory Information—Closure Confirmation, dated September 27, 2023.	ML23271A020.
Clarification on Project #19599, Abilene Christian University Molten Salt Research Reactor Construction Permit Application, dated September 7, 2023.	ML23256A287.
Email Correspondence with Caitlin Brashear (Texas State Historic Preservation Officer) as of August 29, dated August 11, 2023.	ML23241A831.
Meeting Notes for June 28, 2023 ACU Call with Texas Historical Commission, dated August 16, 2023	ML23241A784.
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Consultation Response, dated August 14, 2023	ML23241A793.
Texas Historical Commission Closure of Consultation, dated August 11, 2023	ML23241A819.
Texas Historical Commission Consultation Response and Request for Information, dated June 12, 2023	ML23241A826.
ACHP Consultation Response, Request for Information, dated June 12, 2023	ML23241A849.
Delaware Nation Consultation Response, dated June 12, 2023	ML23241A814.
Kickapoo Tribe Consultation Response, dated May 23, 2023	ML23241A817.
Caddo Nation of Oklahoma Consultation Response, dated May 16, 2023	ML23241A786.
Letter to Bobby Gonzalez, Chairman, Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, Re ACU Molten Salt Research Reactor Construction Permit Application, dated May 5, 2023.	ML23122A281.
Letter to Brad Killscrow, Chief, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Re ACU Molten Salt Research Reactor Construction Permit Application, dated May 5, 2023.	ML23122A282.
Letter to Debbie Dotson, President, Delaware Nation of Oklahoma, Re ACU Molten Salt Research Reactor Construction Permit Application, dated May 5, 2023.	ML23122A283.
Letter to Durell Cooper, Chairman, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, Re ACU Molten Salt Research Reactor Construction Permit Application, dated May 5, 2023.	ML23122A284.
Letter to E. Michael Silvas, Governor, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, Re ACU Molten Salt Research Reactor Construction Permit Application, dated May 5, 2023.	ML23122A285.
Letter to Juan Garza, Chairman, Kickapoo Tribe of Texas, Re ACU Molten Salt Research Reactor Construction Permit Application, dated May 5, 2023.	ML23122A286.
Letter to Reggie Wassana, Governor, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Re ACU Molten Salt Research Reactor Construction Permit Application, dated May 5, 2023.	ML23122A287.
Letter to Russell Martin, President, Tonkawa Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma, Re ACU Molten Salt Research Reactor Construction Permit Application, dated May 5, 2023.	ML23122A288.
Letter to Terri Parton, President, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma, Re ACU Molten Salt Research Reactor Construction Permit Application, dated May 5, 2023.	ML23122A289.

Document description	Adams accession No.
Letter to Ricky Sylestine, Chairman, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas, Re ACU Molten Salt Research Reactor Construction Permit Application, dated May 5, 2023.	ML23009B617.
Letter to NRC from ACU, Response to NRC Request for Supplemental Information, dated October 14 and October 20, 2022.	ML22293B816 (Package).
Letter to NRC from ACU, Submittal of Construction Permit Application for the Molten Salt Research Reactor, dated August 12, 2022.	ML22227A201 (Package).

Dated: March 11, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Daniel Barnhurst,**

Chief, Environmental Project Management Branch 3, Division of Rulemaking, Environmental, and Financial Support, Office of Nuclear Material Safety, and Safeguards.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-10; NRC-2023-0155]

### Northern States Power Company; Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; License Amendment Application

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reviewed an application by Northern States Power Company (NSPM) for amendment of Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM-2506 which authorizes NSPM to receive, possess, store, and transfer spent nuclear fuel and associated radioactive materials. The amendment request sought to revise the technical specifications (TS) for the Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (PI ISFSI) to allow use of a Code alternative as an option to the requirements of the 2004 Edition through 2006 Addenda of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel (B&PV) Code, Section III, Division 1, Subsection NB, Paragraph NB-5130, by revising the TS to add the Code alternative to TS section 4.4, table 4.4-1, TN-40HT ASME Code Exceptions. **DATES:** The license amendment was issued March 5, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2023-0155 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:

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John-Chau Nguyen, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0262; email: [John-Chau.Nguyen@nrc.gov](mailto:John-Chau.Nguyen@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NRC received, by letter dated July 14, 2023 (ADAMS Accession No. ML23195A187), a license amendment application from NSPM, to amend Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM-2506, which authorizes the storage of spent fuel at the PI ISFSI located in Welch, Minnesota. Specifically, the amendment sought to revise the TS to allow use of a Code alternative as an option to the requirements of the 2004 Edition through 2006 Addenda of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel (B&PV) Code, Section III, Division 1, Subsection NB, Paragraph NB-5130, by

revising the TS to add the Code alternative to TS section 4.4, table 4.4-1, TN-40HT ASME Code Exceptions.

An NRC administrative completeness review, documented in a letter to NSPM dated August 24, 2023 (ADAMS Accession No. ML23234A135), found the application acceptable to begin a technical review. In accordance with section 72.16 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), a notice of docketing was published in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 2023 (88 FR 62108). The notice of docketing included an opportunity to request a hearing and to petition for leave to intervene. No requests for a hearing or petitions for leave to intervene were submitted.

The NRC prepared a safety evaluation report (SER) (ADAMS Accession No. ML24008A131) to document its review and evaluation of the amendment request. In addition, the NRC evaluated an assertion by NSPM that the amendment request satisfied the categorical exclusion criteria specified in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11). Under 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11), a categorical exclusion is allowed for amendments to materials licenses which are administrative, organizational, or procedural in nature, or which result in a change to process operations or equipment, provided that (i) there is no significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, (ii) there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure, (iii) there is no significant construction impact, and (iv) there is no significant increase in the potential for or consequences from radiological accidents. As explained in the SER, the NRC determined that the license amendment satisfied the 10 CFR 51.22(c)(11) categorical exclusion criteria. Consequently, an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are not required.

Upon completing its review, the NRC staff determined that the request complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), as well as the NRC's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate