

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

74011 Marine Investigation Report—
*Fire aboard Roll-on/Roll-off
Container Vessel Grande Costa*
D'Avorio, Newark, NJ, July 5, 2023

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at www.ntsb.gov.

The National Transportation Safety
Board is holding this meeting under the
Government in the Sunshine Act, 5
U.S.C. 552(b).

Dated: Friday, March 21, 2025.

LaSean R. McCray,

Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY
COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 70-7004; NRC-2025-0059]

**American Centrifuge Operating, LLC,
dba ACO; American Centrifuge Plant;
License Amendment Application**

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory
Commission.

ACTION: Opportunity to request a hearing
and to petition for leave to intervene;
order imposing procedures.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission (NRC) staff accepted and
docketed an application for the
amendment of Special Nuclear
Materials (SNM) License No. SNM-
2011, submitted by American Centrifuge
Operating, LLC, dba ACO dated
December 19, 2024. The license
amendment request (LAR) would
authorize the applicant to modify its
NRC license SNM-2011 for the
American Centrifuge Plant, located in
Piketon, Ohio to account for continued
operations (Phase III) for a period of up
to 9 years beyond its current

authorization expiration date of June 30,
2025. Because the amendment request
contains sensitive unclassified non-
safeguards information (SUNSI), an
order imposes procedures to obtain
access to SUNSI for contention
preparation by persons who file a
hearing request or petition for leave to
intervene.

DATES: Requests for a hearing or petition
for leave to intervene must be filed by
May 27, 2025. Any potential party as
defined in section 2.4 of title 10 of the
Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR)
who believes access to SUNSI is
necessary to respond to this notice must
request document access by April 4,
2025.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID
NRC-2025-0059 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-2025-0059. Address
questions about Docket IDs in
[Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) to Bridget Curran;
telephone: 301-415-1003; email:
Bridget.Curran@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
[https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/
adams.html](https://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, at
301-415-4737, or by email to
PDR.Resource@nrc.gov. The license
amendment request is available in
ADAMS under Package Accession No.
ML24366A069. In addition, for the
convenience of the reader, instructions
about obtaining materials referenced in
this document are provided in the
“Availability of Documents” section.

- **NRC's PDR:** The PDR, where you
may examine and order copies of
publicly available documents, is open

by appointment. To make an
appointment to visit the PDR, please
send an email to PDR.Resource@nrc.gov
or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-
4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern
time (ET), Monday through Friday,
except Federal holidays.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Discussion**

The NRC has received, by letter, an
application from American Centrifuge
Operating, LLC, dba ACO, to amend
SNM-2011 for the American Centrifuge
Plant (ACP), located in Piketon, Ohio.
This LAR proposes to account for
continuing high-assay low-enriched
uranium (HALEU) production
operations for the 16-operating
centrifuge cascade at the ACP for three
3-year optional periods (9 years in total,
Phase III) beyond the NRC's current
authorization expiration date of June 30,
2025. The nominal rate of production
for the 16-operating HALEU cascade is
900 kg HALEU UF₆.

As documented in an administrative
completeness review, dated February
10, 2025, the NRC found the
application, acceptable for a technical
review. Prior to reaching a decision on
the request to amend Materials License
SNM-2011, the NRC will need to
conduct a review and make a
determination in accordance with the
Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended,
and the NRC's regulations. During the
technical review, the NRC will review
the application, as supplemented, in
areas that include, but are not limited
to, security, environmental protection
and financial aspects associated with
the contract between ACO and the
Department of Energy for Phase III. The
NRC's findings will be documented in a
safety evaluation report.

II. Availability of Documents

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

Document description	ADAMS Accession No.
Cover letter for American Centrifuge Operating, LLC's License Application for the American Centrifuge Plant—Phase III of HALEU Operations, dated December 19, 2024.	ML24366A040.
<i>Enclosure 1:</i> Detailed Description, Justification, and Significance Determination, dated December 18, 2024	ML24366A038.
<i>Enclosure 2:</i> Proposed Changes for LA-3605-0001, License Application for the American Centrifuge Plant, dated December 18, 2024.	ML24366A045.
<i>Enclosure 3:</i> Proposed Changes for LA-3605-002, Environmental Report for the American Centrifuge Plant, dated December 18, 2024.	ML24366A043.

Document description	ADAMS Accession No.
<i>Enclosure 4:</i> Proposed Changes for Appendix D of LA-3605-0001, License Application for the American Centrifuge Plant, dated December 18, 2024.	ML24366A047 (non-public, withheld pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390).
<i>Enclosure 5:</i> Withheld Proposed Changes for NRC's Materials License for the American Centrifuge Plant—SNM-2011, dated December 18, 2024.	ML24366A044 (non-public, withheld pursuant to 10 CFR 2.390).
<i>Enclosure 6:</i> Withheld Proposed Changes to LA-3605-0003, Integrated Safety Analysis Summary for the American Centrifuge Plant.	ML24366A039 (non-public, export-controlled information).
<i>Enclosure 7:</i> Withheld Proposed Changes to NR-3605-0005, Fundamental Nuclear Material Control Plan for the American Centrifuge Plant.	ML24366A046 (non-public, export-controlled information).
<i>Enclosure 8:</i> Withheld Proposed Changes to SP-3605-0041, Security Plan for the Protection of Classified Matter at the American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, Ohio.	ML24366A042 (non-public, export-controlled information).
<i>Enclosure 9:</i> Withheld Proposed Changes to SP-3605-0042, Security Plan for the Physical Protection of Special Nuclear Material at the American Centrifuge Plant in Piketon, Ohio.	Safeguards Information (non-public, withheld pursuant to 10 CFR 73.22; not entered in ADAMS).
<i>Enclosure 10:</i> Affidavit of Larry B. Cutlip Supporting Application to Withhold from Public Disclosure Certain Information Provided to NRC in Letter ACO 24-0108, dated December 18, 2024.	ML24366A041.
NRC's Acceptance for Detailed Review of ACO's License Amendment Request for Phase III HALEU Operations at the ACP in Piketon OH, dated February 10, 2025.	ML25042A390.

III. Opportunity To Request a Hearing and Petition for Leave To Intervene

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, any person (petitioner) whose interest may be affected by this action may file a request for a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition) with respect to the action. Petitions shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult 10 CFR 2.309. If a petition is filed, the presiding officer will rule on the petition and, if appropriate, a notice of a hearing will be issued.

Petitions must be filed no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in accordance with the filing instructions in the "Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)" section of this document. Petitions and motions for leave to file new or amended contentions that are filed after the deadline will not be entertained absent a determination by the presiding officer that the filing demonstrates good cause by satisfying the three factors in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i) through (iii).

A State, local governmental body, federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof, may submit a petition to the Commission to participate as a party under 10 CFR 2.309(h) no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Alternatively, a State, local governmental body, federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof may participate as a non-party under 10 CFR 2.315(c).

For information about filing a petition and about participation by a person not a party under 10 CFR 2.315, see ADAMS Accession No. ML20340A053 (<https://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/webSearch2/main.jsp?AccessionNumber>

=ML20340A053) and on the NRC public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/adjudicatory/hearing.html#participate>.

IV. Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)

All documents filed in NRC adjudicatory proceedings, including documents filed by an interested State, local governmental body, federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof that requests to participate under 10 CFR 2.315(c), must be filed in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302. The E-Filing process requires participants to submit and serve all adjudicatory documents over the internet, or in some cases, to mail copies on electronic storage media, unless an exemption permitting an alternative filing method, as further discussed, is granted. Detailed guidance on electronic submissions is located in the Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC (ADAMS Accession No. ML13031A056) and on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>.

To comply with the procedural requirements of E-Filing, at least 10 days prior to the filing deadline, the participant should contact the Office of the Secretary by email at Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov, or by telephone at 301-415-1677, to (1) request a digital identification (ID) certificate, which allows the participant (or its counsel or representative) to digitally sign submissions and access the E-Filing system for any proceeding in which it is participating; and (2) advise the Secretary that the participant will be submitting a petition or other adjudicatory document (even in instances in which the participant, or its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic

docket for the proceeding if the Secretary has not already established an electronic docket.

Information about applying for a digital ID certificate is available on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/getting-started.html>. After a digital ID certificate is obtained and a docket created, the participant must submit adjudicatory documents in Portable Document Format. Guidance on submissions is available on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/electronic-sub-ref-mat.html>. A filing is considered complete at the time the document is submitted through the NRC's E-Filing system. To be timely, an electronic filing must be submitted to the E-Filing system no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system time-stamps the document and sends the submitter an email confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email that provides access to the document to the NRC's Office of the General Counsel and any others who have advised the Office of the Secretary that they wish to participate in the proceeding, so that the filer need not serve the document on those participants separately. Therefore, applicants and other participants (or their counsel or representative) must apply for and receive a digital ID certificate before adjudicatory documents are filed to obtain access to the documents via the E-Filing system.

A person filing electronically using the NRC's adjudicatory E-Filing system may seek assistance by contacting the NRC's Electronic Filing Help Desk through the "Contact Us" link located on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>, by email to MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov, or by a toll-free call at 1-866-672-7640. The NRC

Electronic Filing Help Desk is available between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Participants who believe that they have good cause for not submitting documents electronically must file an exemption request, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(g), with their initial paper filing stating why there is good cause for not filing electronically and requesting authorization to continue to submit documents in paper format. Such filings must be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(b)–(d). Participants filing adjudicatory documents in this manner are responsible for serving their documents on all other participants. Participants granted an exemption under 10 CFR 2.302(g)(2) must still meet the electronic formatting requirement in 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1), unless the participant also seeks and is granted an exemption from 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1).

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC's electronic hearing docket, which is publicly available at <https://adams.nrc.gov/ehd>, unless excluded pursuant to an order of the presiding officer. If you do not have an NRC-issued digital ID certificate as previously described, click "cancel" when the link requests certificates and you will be automatically directed to the NRC's electronic hearing dockets where you will be able to access any publicly available documents in a particular hearing docket. Participants are requested not to include personal privacy information such as social security numbers, home addresses, or personal phone numbers in their filings unless an NRC regulation or other law requires submission of such information. With respect to copyrighted works, except for limited excerpts that serve the purpose of the adjudicatory filings and would constitute a Fair Use application, participants should not include copyrighted materials in their submission.

Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information for Contention Preparation

A. This Order contains instructions regarding how potential parties to this proceeding may request access to documents containing Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI).

B. Within 10 days after publication of this notice of hearing or opportunity for hearing, any potential party who believes access to SUNSI is necessary to respond to this notice may request access to SUNSI. A "potential party" is

any person who intends to participate as a party by demonstrating standing and filing an admissible contention under 10 CFR 2.309. Requests for access to SUNSI submitted later than 10 days after publication of this notice will not be considered absent a showing of good cause for the late filing, addressing why the request could not have been filed earlier.

C. The requestor shall submit a letter requesting permission to access SUNSI to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and provide a copy to the Deputy General Counsel for Licensing, Hearings, and Enforcement, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001. The expedited delivery or courier mail address for both offices is: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The email addresses for the Office of the Secretary and the Office of the General Counsel are Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov and RidsOgcMailCenter.Resource@nrc.gov, respectively.¹ The request must include the following information:

- (1) A description of the licensing action with a citation to this **Federal Register** notice;
- (2) The name and address of the potential party and a description of the potential party's particularized interest that could be harmed by the action identified in C.(1); and
- (3) The identity of the individual or entity requesting access to SUNSI and the requestor's basis for the need for the information in order to meaningfully participate in this adjudicatory proceeding. In particular, the request must explain why publicly available versions of the information requested would not be sufficient to provide the basis and specificity for a proffered contention.

D. Based on an evaluation of the information submitted under paragraph C.(3), the NRC staff will determine within 10 days of receipt of the request whether:

- (1) There is a reasonable basis to believe the petitioner is likely to establish standing to participate in this NRC proceeding; and
- (2) The requestor has established a legitimate need for access to SUNSI.

¹ While a request for hearing or petition to intervene in this proceeding must comply with the filing requirements of the NRC's "E-Filing Rule," the initial request to access SUNSI under these procedures should be submitted as described in this paragraph.

E. If the NRC staff determines that the requestor satisfies both D.(1) and D.(2), the NRC staff will notify the requestor in writing that access to SUNSI has been granted. The written notification will contain instructions on how the requestor may obtain copies of the requested documents, and any other conditions that may apply to access to those documents. These conditions may include, but are not limited to, the signing of a Non-Disclosure Agreement or Affidavit, or Protective Order² setting forth terms and conditions to prevent the unauthorized or inadvertent disclosure of SUNSI by each individual who will be granted access to SUNSI.

F. Filing of Contentions. Any contentions in these proceedings that are based upon the information received as a result of the request made for SUNSI must be filed by the requestor no later than 25 days after receipt of (or access to) that information. However, if more than 25 days remain between the petitioner's receipt of (or access to) the information and the deadline for filing all other contentions (as established in the notice of hearing or opportunity for hearing), the petitioner may file its SUNSI contentions by that later deadline.

G. Review of Denials of Access.

(1) If the request for access to SUNSI is denied by the NRC staff after a determination on standing and requisite need, the NRC staff shall immediately notify the requestor in writing, briefly stating the reason or reasons for the denial.

(2) The requestor may challenge the NRC staff's adverse determination by filing a challenge within 5 days of receipt of that determination with: (a) the presiding officer designated in this proceeding; (b) if no presiding officer has been appointed, the Chief Administrative Judge, or if this individual is unavailable, another administrative judge, or an Administrative Law Judge with jurisdiction pursuant to 10 CFR 2.318(a); or (c) if another officer has been designated to rule on information access issues, with that officer.

(3) Further appeals of decisions under this paragraph must be made pursuant to 10 CFR 2.311.

H. Review of Grants of Access. A party other than the requestor may challenge an NRC staff determination granting access to SUNSI whose release would harm that party's interest

² Any motion for Protective Order or draft Non-Disclosure Affidavit or Agreement for SUNSI must be filed with the presiding officer or the Chief Administrative Judge if the presiding officer has not yet been designated, within 30 days of the deadline for the receipt of the written access request.

independent of the proceeding. Such a challenge must be filed within five days of the notification by the NRC staff of its grant of access and must be filed with: (a) the presiding officer designated in this proceeding; (b) if no presiding officer has been appointed, the Chief Administrative Judge, or if this individual is unavailable, another administrative judge, or an Administrative Law Judge with jurisdiction pursuant to 10 CFR 2.318(a); or (c) if another officer has been designated to rule on information access issues, with that officer.

If challenges to the NRC staff determinations are filed, these procedures give way to the normal process for litigating disputes concerning access to information. The availability of interlocutory review by the Commission of orders ruling on such NRC staff determinations (whether granting or denying access) is governed by 10 CFR 2.311.³

I. The Commission expects that the NRC staff and presiding officers (and any other reviewing officers) will consider and resolve requests for access to SUNSI, and motions for protective

orders, in a timely fashion in order to minimize any unnecessary delays in identifying those petitioners who have standing and who have propounded contentions meeting the specificity and basis requirements in 10 CFR part 2. The attachment to this Order summarizes the general target schedule for processing and resolving requests under these procedures.

It is so ordered.

Dated: March 19, 2025.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carrie Safford,

Secretary of the Commission.

ATTACHMENT 1—GENERAL TARGET SCHEDULE FOR PROCESSING AND RESOLVING REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO SENSITIVE UNCLASSIFIED NON-SAFEGUARDS INFORMATION IN THIS PROCEEDING

Day	Event/activity
0	Publication of Federal Register notice of hearing or opportunity for hearing, including order with instructions for access requests.
10	Deadline for submitting requests for access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information (SUNSI) with information: (i) supporting the standing of a potential party identified by name and address; and (ii) describing the need for the information in order for the potential party to participate meaningfully in an adjudicatory proceeding.
60	Deadline for submitting petition for intervention containing: (i) demonstration of standing; and (ii) all contentions whose formulation does not require access to SUNSI (+25 Answers to petition for intervention; +7 petitioner/requestor reply).
20	U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff informs the requestor of the staff's determination whether the request for access provides a reasonable basis to believe standing can be established and shows need for SUNSI. (NRC staff also informs any party to the proceeding whose interest independent of the proceeding would be harmed by the release of the information.) If NRC staff makes the finding of need for SUNSI and likelihood of standing, NRC staff begins document processing (preparation of redactions or review of redacted documents).
25	If NRC staff finds no "need" or no likelihood of standing, the deadline for petitioner/requestor to file a motion seeking a ruling to reverse the NRC staff's denial of access; NRC staff files copy of access determination with the presiding officer (or Chief Administrative Judge or other designated officer, as appropriate). If NRC staff finds "need" for SUNSI, the deadline for any party to the proceeding whose interest independent of the proceeding would be harmed by the release of the information to file a motion seeking a ruling to reverse the NRC staff's grant of access.
30	Deadline for NRC staff reply to motions to reverse NRC staff determination(s).
40	(Receipt +30) If NRC staff finds standing and need for SUNSI, deadline for NRC staff to complete information processing and file motion for Protective Order and draft Non-Disclosure Agreement or Affidavit. Deadline for applicant/licensee to file Non-Disclosure Agreement or Affidavit for SUNSI.
A	If access granted: issuance of presiding officer or other designated officer decision on motion for protective order for access to sensitive information (including schedule for providing access and submission of contentions) or decision reversing a final adverse determination by the NRC staff.
A + 3	Deadline for filing executed Non-Disclosure Agreements or Affidavits. Access provided to SUNSI consistent with decision issuing the protective order.
A + 28	Deadline for submission of contentions whose development depends upon access to SUNSI. However, if more than 25 days remain between the petitioner's receipt of (or access to) the information and the deadline for filing all other contentions (as established in the notice of hearing or notice of opportunity for hearing), the petitioner may file its SUNSI contentions by that later deadline.
A + 53	(Contention receipt +25) Answers to contentions whose development depends upon access to SUNSI.
A + 60	(Answer receipt +7) Petitioner/Intervenor reply to answers.
>A + 60	Decision on contention admission.

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³ Requestors should note that the filing requirements of the NRC's E-Filing Rule (72 FR 49139; August 28, 2007, as amended at 77 FR

46562; August 3, 2012, 78 FR 34247, June 7, 2013) apply to appeals of NRC staff determinations (because they must be served on a presiding officer

or the Commission, as applicable), but not to the initial SUNSI request submitted to the NRC staff under these procedures.