

system, and thus no additional criticality analyses are required. Sources are inserted as rods into fuel assemblies (*i.e.*, they replace either a fuel rod or water rod), displacing fuel material. Since the criticality safety of the system is based on the neutron interaction between the stored fuel assemblies, and since no additional uranium mass has been added to the cask, only shifted within the cask, the current analysis for the HI-STORM 100 cask system bounds this loading error.

Based on a review of the statements and representations contained in the application, the NRC staff agrees that because the current analysis of the HI-STORM 100 cask system bounds the loading error of the NSA in an unapproved configuration, the criticality safety analysis remains adequate. Therefore, the NRC staff finds that the criticality safety function of the MPC-32 (serial number MPC-707) loaded under CoC No. 1014, Amendment 11, as addressed in the exemption request, remains in compliance with 10 CFR part 72.

C. The Exemption Is Otherwise in the Public Interest

This exemption would allow SNC to deviate from the placement restrictions outlined in CoC No. 1014, Amendment 11, allowing the NSA to remain in a peripheral cell of MPC-32, serial number MPC-707.

According to SNC, the exemption is in the public interest because it prevents unnecessary refueling and unloading of the canister, which would otherwise increase personnel radiation exposure, generate contaminated waste, and introduce additional operational risks without providing any corresponding safety benefit.

Upon NRC staff review, the NRC staff agrees with the licensee's assessment and concludes that granting the exemption serves the public interest by enabling continued safe storage of the NSA, without compromising safety, increasing personnel dose, or introducing unintended operational issues. Environmental Consideration

The NRC staff also considered whether there would be any significant environmental impacts associated with the exemption. The NRC staff has determined that this action is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(d)(7), and there are no extraordinary circumstances present that would preclude reliance on this exclusion. The NRC staff have made this finding because the action results only in a change in process operations/equipment and does not involve ground disturbance, changes in effluents, or increased additional exposure or increased accident consequences. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22, the NRC staff concludes that this action does not require either an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement. Additionally, the NRC staff has determined that this action does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties. Therefore, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3(a)(1), the NRC has no further obligation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The NRC staff has also determined that the action would have no effect on listed species or critical habitats,

therefore, consultation is not required under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act.

IV. Conclusion

Based on these considerations, the NRC has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the NRC grants SNC an exemption from 10 CFR 72.212(b)(3) and 72.212(b)(11), to deviate from CoC No. 1014, Amendment 11, Appendix B, Table 2.1-1 requirements which restricts NSA containing assemblies to designated interior cells and allow the single NSA to remain in a peripheral basket cell of MPC-32, serial number MPC-707 under CoC No. 1014, Amendment 11.

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated: August 21, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Yaira Diaz Sanabria,

Chief, Storage, Transportation and Microreactors Licensing Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 11005897; NRC-2026-3565]

EnergySolutions Services Inc.; Export License Amendment Application

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Opportunity to provide comments, request a hearing, and petition for leave to intervene.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering approval of an export application, received on June 9, 2026, from EnergySolutions Services Inc. (ESSI). In the application, ESSI seeks to amend and renew an existing license, XW018, authorizing the export of radioactive material to Germany. The NRC is providing notice of the opportunity to comment, request a hearing, and petition to intervene on ESSI's application. This action will renew the existing export license for an additional 10 years (to expire on December 31, 2036) and amend the existing export license to update the licensee's address to 151 Lafayette Drive, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830.

DATES: Submit comments by September 28, 2026. 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. A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed by September 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods; however, the NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website:

- **Federal rulemaking website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2026-3565. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Bridget Curran; telephone: 301-415-1003; email: Bridget.Curran@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual(s) listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **Email comments to:** Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov. If you do not receive an automatic email reply confirming receipt, then contact us at 301-415-1677.

- **Fax comments to:** Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at 301-415-1101.

- **Mail comments to:** Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

- **Hand deliver comments to:** 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. eastern time (ET) Federal workdays; telephone: 301-415-1677.

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:

Joanne Savoy, Office of International Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0371 or 301-287-9092; email: Joanne.Savoy@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2026-3565 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 Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2026-3565.

- **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>. To begin the search, select “Begin ADAMS Public 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 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.

- **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. ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

B. Submitting Comments

The NRC encourages electronic comment submission through the Federal rulemaking website (<https://www.regulations.gov>). Please include Docket ID NRC–2026–3565 in your comment submission.

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

ESSI was issued XW018/02 on April 6, 2022, which expires on December 31, 2026, and authorizes the export of radioactive waste consisting of various materials contaminated with source, special nuclear, or byproduct material that were originally imported from Germany under an NRC general license for recycling and beneficial reuse (ADAMS Accession No. ML22098A005). Those materials include those processed for volume reduction via incineration, material directly ESSI submitted XW018/04 on June 9, 2026, requesting to renew the existing export license authorizing the export of German-origin radioactive waste from an ESSI processing facility in the State of Tennessee to Germany (ADAMS Accession No. ML26160A205). The radioactive material that would be subject to XW018/04, if approved, includes material processed for volume reduction via incineration (hearth ash); material directly attributable to that processing; material that was not recycled, burned, or otherwise released under applicable Tennessee Radioactive Material Licenses held by ESSI; and any non-incinerable or non-conforming material identified during inspection prior to incineration.

III. Opportunity To Comment

The NRC is providing notice of the receipt of the application; providing the opportunity to submit written comments concerning the application; and providing the opportunity to request a hearing or petition for leave to intervene, for a period of 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, persons may submit written comments concerning the actions in this notice, as provided in section 110.81 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Written comments.” The NRC will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted as described in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

NRC EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION

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

Within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice any person may file a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene with respect to the actions in this notice. A hearing request or petition for leave to intervene must include the information specified in 10 CFR 110.82(b). Any request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene shall be served by the requestor or petitioner in accordance with 10 CFR 110.89(a), either by delivery, by mail, or filed with the NRC electronically in accordance with the NRC’s E-Filing rule (72 FR 49139; August 28, 2007, as amended at 77 FR 46562; August 3, 2012). Detailed guidance on electronic submissions may be found in the “Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC” (ADAMS Accession No. ML13031A056) and on the NRC’s public website (<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.

The information concerning this application for an export license follows.

Application Information

Name of Applicant	EnergySolutions Services Inc.
Date of Application	May 14, 2026.
Date Received	June 9, 2026.
Application No	XW018/04.
Docket No	11005897.
ADAMS Accession No	ML26160A205.

NRC EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION—Continued

Description of Material	
Material Type	Radioactive material consisting of hearth ash from the incineration dry active material. Exported material may also include non-incinerable or non-conforming material identified during inspection prior to incineration.
Total Quantity ¹	Authorization to export a total maximum quantity of 206.164 TBq, and 350 grams of SNM based on the maximum activity authorized for possession at ESSl's Bear Creek Operations as follows: H-3: 185 TBq, C-14: 18.5 TBq, Ra-226: 0.74 TBq, Fe-55: 55.5 TBq, Th-232: 0.74 TBq, Po-210: 0.37 TBq, Uranium (natural or depleted): 7.4 TBq, Uranium (not U-233, U-235 or U-238): 0.074 TBq, Atomic number 3 to 83 (excluding C-15 or Fe-55): 111 TBq, Atomic number 84 to 91 (total): 0.185, Transuranics (TRU): 0.185 TBq, Am-241: 0.37 TBq, and SNM, 235U equivalent: 350 grams. ²
End Use	Storage and disposal in Germany.
Country of Destination	Germany.

¹ The license activity limits are the cumulative total maximums over the term of the license.

² Uranium 235-gram equivalent by weight of 350 grams (ESSl will not import enrichment level that exceed 20% by weight U-235).

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*

Dated: August 26, 2026.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David Skeen,

Director, Office of International Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 70–7033, M70–7033; CLI–26–12]

Global Laser Enrichment, llc; Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility; Commissioners: Ho. K. Nieh, Chairman; David A. Wright; Bradley R. Crowell; Matthew J. Marzano; Douglas W. Weaver; Order

On March 4, 2026, the Commission of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an order in the above-captioned docket providing notice of the receipt of an application from Global Laser Enrichment, LLC (GLE) for a license to possess and use special nuclear material for the purpose of constructing and operating a uranium enrichment facility in McCracken County, Kentucky.¹ The GLE order also provided specific guidance on the adjudicatory procedures to be used in the conduct of the proceeding, including direction regarding the conduct of an on-the-record uncontested hearing as well as the opportunity to request a contested hearing.

¹ Global Laser Enrichment, LLC (Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility), CLI–26–3, 103 NRC __ (Mar. 4, 2026) (ML26062A214).

Subsequently, on August 7, 2026, the Commission issued an order in a separate proceeding concerning the receipt and notice of an application from Orano Enrichment USA LLC (Orano) also for a license to receive, acquire, possess, and transfer byproduct, source, and special nuclear material but for the purpose of constructing and operating the Project IKE Enrichment Facility in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.² In the Orano order, the Commission provided guidance on the adjudicatory procedures to apply in the proceeding, including an expectation that in the event a contested hearing on the application is held, the Commission would not also conduct an uncontested hearing.

On our own motion, we have considered the procedural guidance provided for both proceedings. Pursuant to our inherent supervisory authority to oversee and manage the NRC's adjudicatory proceedings, we have decided to modify the GLE proceeding to eliminate the previously noticed uncontested hearing and adopt the adjudicatory procedures outlined in the Orano order.³

To effectuate our decision today and comply with the requirements of section 193.(b) of the Atomic Energy Act, we re-open the contested proceeding

² Orano Enrichment USA LLC (Project IKE Enrichment Facility), CLI–26–11, 104 NRC __ (Aug. 7, 2026) (ML26218A174).

³ Section II, Notice of Mandatory Hearing, of the GLE order (CLI–26–3) is effectively removed by this modification. The GLE contested proceeding constitutes the required on-the-record hearing. To the extent applicable, any future contested proceedings regarding this license application will be conducted under 10 CFR part 2, Subparts C and L.

previously terminated by the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) regarding the GLE license application.⁴ Further, we hereby terminate the uncontested hearing established by the Board on July 13, 2026.

It is so ordered.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of August, 2026.

For the Commission

Jody C. Martin,

Secretary of the Commission.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Change in Rates of General Applicability for Competitive Products

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of a change in rates of general applicability for competitive products.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth time-limited changes in rates of general applicability for competitive products.

DATES: *Effective date:* October 4, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Reed, 202–268–3179.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 19, 2026, pursuant to their authority under 39 U.S.C. 3632, the Governors of

⁴ See Global Laser Enrichment, LLC (Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility), LBP–26–7, 104 NRC __ (Jul. 9, 2026). This reopening of the record does not impact the Commission's consideration of the pending appeal filed by Kentucky Resources Council, Inc., on August 3, 2026. See, Notice of Appeal of ASLB Panel Memorandum and Order and Brief in Support of Appeal (ML26215A499 (package)).