

proposed action and concludes that the proposed exemptions would not increase the probability or consequences of accidents previously analyzed, and would not affect facility radiation levels or facility radiological effluents.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC staff concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for MP3, dated December 1984.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On August 22, 2003, the staff consulted with the Connecticut State official, Mr. Michael Firsick, of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated July 1, 2003. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of October 2003.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James W. Clifford,

Chief, Section 2, Project Directorate I, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste Meeting on Planning and Procedures, Revised Notice of Meeting

The ACNW will hold a Planning and Procedures meeting on October 21, 2003, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACNW, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, October 21, 2003—8:30 a.m.—10 a.m.

The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW activities and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated

Federal Official, Mr. Howard J. Larson (Telephone: 301/415-6805) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the agenda.

Dated: October 2, 2003.

Sher Bahadur,

Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 146th meeting on October 21-23, 2003, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The schedule for this meeting is as follows:

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

10:30 a.m.—10:40 a.m.: Opening Statement (Open)—The Chairman will open the meeting with brief opening remarks, outline the topics to be discussed, and indicate items of interest.

10:40 a.m.—12 Noon.: Summer Intern Project (Open)—The ACNW summer intern will provide her final report to the Committee on the project titled, "Assessment Model Uncertainty in Performance Assessment."

1 p.m.—1:30 p.m.: Biosphere Scenarios and Dose Calculation Working Group (Open)—The Committee will review the agenda and speakers for the Biosphere Working Group scheduled for February 24-26, 2004 in Rockville, Maryland.

1:30 p.m.—2 p.m.: Site Visit—Yucca Mountain, Nevada (Open)—The Committee will finalize its November 18, 2003, trip to Yucca Mountain and the Amargosa Valley, and its subsequent technical discussions in Las Vegas, NV with DOE representatives and stakeholders during the 147th ACNW Meeting, November 19-20, 2004.

2:15 p.m.–6 p.m.: Committee Retreat (Open/Closed)—The Committee will continue its discussion (from the 145th meeting) on technical topics it intends to examine over the next 12 to 18 months and ACNW activities and related matters.

Note: A portion of this session may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of the ACNW, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Wednesday, October 22, 2003

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Statement (Open)—The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:35 a.m.–12:15 p.m.: Yucca Mountain Pre-Closure Safety and Drift Degradation Issues (Open)—The Committee will hear from representatives of the NRC staff on these issues. Presentations will include a summation of the status of related agreements, a demonstration of the pre-closure safety analysis tool, and the MECH-FAIL computer code used to evaluate drift degradation within a geologic repository.

1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.: Updated Staff Performance Assessment Code TPA 5.0 and Peer Review Comments (Open)—The Committee will hear from representatives of the NRC staff on the updated TPA Code 5.0 and how external peer review comments were incorporated into the code.

3:45 p.m.–4 p.m.: Waste Management—Related Safety Research Report (Open)—The Committee will discuss plans for ACNW review of NRC waste management-related safety research.

4 p.m.–6 p.m.: Preparation for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open)—The next meeting with the NRC Commissioners is scheduled to be held at 10 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North on October 23, 2003. The Committee will review its proposed presentations.

Thursday, October 23, 2003

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Statement (Open)—The Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:35 a.m.–9:30 a.m.: Update on Waste Management Topics (Open)—The Committee will receive its semi-annual update on waste management topics from the Director, Division of Waste Management, NMSS.

9:30 a.m.–9:45 a.m.: Discussion of Topics for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open)—The Committee will discuss topics scheduled for the ACNW Meeting with the NRC Commissioners at 10 a.m.

10 a.m.–12 Noon: Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open)—The Committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners in the Commissioners' Conference Room, One White Flint North to discuss the following:

- Chairman's Report
- Status and Pathway to Closure on Key Technical Issues
- High-Level Waste Risk Insights
- Total System Performance Assessment (TSPA/TPA) Working Group
- Performance Confirmation Working Group

1 p.m.–2:45 p.m.: Preparation of ACNW Report (Open)—The Committee will discuss potential reports on Yucca Mountain Pre-Closure Safety and Drift Degradation Issues and Updated Staff Performance Code TPA 5.0 (tentative).

2:45 p.m.–3 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2002 (67 FR 63459). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Howard J. Larson, Special Assistant (Telephone 301/415-6805), between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. ET, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to schedule the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting will be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for taking pictures may be obtained by contacting the ACNW office prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should notify Mr. Howard J. Larson as to their particular needs.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefore can be obtained by contacting Mr. Howard J. Larson.

ACNW meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room at pdr@nrc.gov, or by calling the PDR at 1-800-397-4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> or <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/> (ACRS & ACNW Mtg schedules/agendas).

Videoconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACNW meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACNW meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACNW Audiovisual Technician (301/415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. ET, at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the video teleconferencing link. The availability of video teleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: October 3, 2003.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Consideration; Correction

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Biweekly notice; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects a notice appearing in the **Federal Register** on September 18, 2003 (68 FR 54747). This action is necessary to correct an erroneous date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-