

determined that the proposed action, approval of the license amendment request as submitted, is the appropriate alternative for selection. Based on an evaluation of the environmental impacts of the amendment request, the NRC has determined that the proper action is to issue a FONSI in the **Federal Register**, and grant the amendment.

#### 4.0 Agencies and Persons Contacted

During a September 10, 2003, telephone call with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ), NRC staff confirmed that the proposed action would not affect the regulation in 10 CFR 70.42 requiring BWXT to verify that waste disposal facilities are authorized to receive their shipments. VDEQ had no comments or concerns with the proposed action.

Because the proposed action is entirely within existing facilities and established roadways, the NRC has concluded that there is no potential to affect endangered species or historic resources, and therefore consultation with the State Historic Preservation Society and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was not necessary.

#### 5.0 References

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), December 1977, "Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Transportation of Radioactive Material by Air and Other Modes."

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), June 1995, "Environmental Assessment for Renewal of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-42."

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), January 2003, "Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, Amendment 35—Approval of Exemption from Fissile Material Transport Classification and Package Standards," ADAMS No. ML030080034.

### III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The Commission has prepared the above Environmental Assessment related to the amendment of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-42. On the basis of the assessment, the Commission has concluded that environmental impacts associated with the proposed action would not be significant and, therefore, do not warrant the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. It has been determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate.

### IV. Further Information

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," the Environmental Assessment and the documents related to this proposed action will be available electronically for public inspection from the Publicly

Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of November, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Draft U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission FY 2004-2009 Strategic Plan, NUREG-1614, Volume 3

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of draft NUREG-1614, Volume 3, "U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, FY 2004-2009 Strategic Plan," dated November 7, 2003. The draft strategic plan will be open for public comment until December 31, 2003.

**DATES:** The comment period for the draft strategic plan will close on December 31, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please include the phrase "Draft Strategic Plan" in the subject line of your submission. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety. Personal information will not be removed from your comments.

*Preferred submission method:* E-mail your comments, preferably as a WordPerfect or Microsoft Word attachment, to: [NRCREP@nrc.gov](mailto:NRCREP@nrc.gov).

Mail comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, MS-T6-D59, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Fax comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

Draft NUREG-1614, Volume 3, and other publicly available documents related to this notice are available for electronic viewing on public computers in the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), Public File Area O1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville

Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The PDR's reproduction services contractor will provide copies of publicly available documents for a fee.

Publicly available documents related to this notice, including public comments received, are also available electronically through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, the public can gain entry into the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. Draft NUREG-1614, Volume 3, is publicly available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML033140570. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to [PDR@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR@nrc.gov).

A free single copy of Draft NUREG-1614, Volume 3, to the extent of availability, may be requested by writing to the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Reproduction and Distribution Services Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Printing and Graphics Branch, Washington, DC 20555-0001; facsimile: 301-415-2289; e-mail: [DISTRIBUTION@nrc.gov](mailto:DISTRIBUTION@nrc.gov).

Some publications in the NUREG series available through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at [www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections](http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections) are updated regularly and may differ from the last printed version.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leslie W. Barnett, Director, Division of Planning, Budget, and Analysis, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-7540.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As a normal course of activities, agencies periodically re-visit their strategic plans. The NRC is developing a new strategic plan for FY 2004-2009 to replace the agency's existing strategic plan.

The NRC is seeking comments on its draft FY 2004-2009 Strategic Plan (ADAMS Accession No. ML033140570). The draft Strategic Plan establishes the agency's long-term strategic direction and outcomes. It provides a foundation to guide NRC's work and to allocate NRC's resources.

The NRC's draft Strategic Plan does not represent a fundamental change in the agency's mission. However, it better aligns the agency's goals with its mission and strategic objective to

“enable the use and management of radioactive materials and nuclear fuels for beneficial purposes in a manner that (1) protects the public health and safety and the environment, (2) promotes the security of our nation, and (3) provides for regulatory actions that are effective, efficient, and open.” Additionally, the draft Strategic Plan has been restructured to improve its focus and readability. The restructuring significantly reduced the redundancy that exists in the agency’s current strategic plan.

The NRC’s draft Strategic Plan now includes a vision statement for NRC. The NRC’s vision in fulfilling its responsibilities is: “Excellence in regulating the safe and secure use and management of radioactive materials for the public good.” The draft plan also focuses on five general goals: Safety, security, openness, effectiveness, and management excellence. These goals support our ability to maintain the public health, safety, and trust. The overarching goal of ensuring the safe use of radioactive materials and of enhancing safety, as appropriate, remains unchanged. The general goal on security has been added to reflect recent changes in our environment, while the general goal on openness emphasizes those actions we can directly control and states that public confidence should be an outcome of openness.

The NRC encourages all interested parties to comment on the draft Strategic Plan. The comment period will close on December 31, 2003. Comments on the draft plan may be submitted by any of the methods outlined under the **ADDRESSES** heading. Stakeholder feedback will be valuable in helping the Commission develop a final plan that has the benefit of the many views in the regulated civilian nuclear industry.

The final version of NUREG–1614, Volume 3, is expected to be released on or about March 30, 2004.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of November, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Leslie W. Barnett,**

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC–26257; File No. 812–13028]

### AIG SunAmerica Life Assurance Company, et al.; Notice of Application

November 18, 2003.

**AGENCY:** Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”).

**ACTION:** Notice of an application for an order (the “Order”) of approval pursuant to Section 26(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) and an order of exemption pursuant to Section 17(b) of the 1940 Act from Section 17(a) of the 1940 Act.

*Applicants:* AIG SunAmerica Life Assurance Company and Variable Separate Account of AIG SunAmerica Life Assurance Company (collectively, the “Applicants.”)

*Summary of the Application:* The Applicants request an order (a) permitting the substitution of Growth Series, International Series, Growth-Income Series, Asset Allocation Series, High-Yield Bond Series, U.S. Government/AAA Rated Securities Series and Cash Management Series (the “Replaced Portfolios”), each a series of the Anchor Pathway Fund (“Anchor Fund”), for Class 3 shares of the Growth Fund, International Fund, Growth-Income Fund, Asset Allocation Fund, High-Income Bond Fund, U.S. Government/AAA–Rated Securities Fund and Cash Management Fund (the “Replacement Portfolios”), each a series of the American Funds Insurance Series (“AFIS”); and (b) permitting certain in-kind transactions in connection with the proposed substitutions (the “Substitutions”).

*Filing Date:* The application was filed on January 28, 2003, amended and restated on September 22, 2003, and amended on November 14, 2003.

*Hearing or Notification of Hearing:* An order granting the application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on the application by writing to the Secretary of the SEC and serving Applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests must be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on December 12, 2003, and should be accompanied by proof of service on Applicants in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer’s interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons may request notification of a hearing by writing to the Secretary of the SEC.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549–0609. Applicants: c/o Jordan Burt LLP, 1025 Thomas Jefferson Street, NW., East Lobby, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20007, Attention: Joan E. Boros, Esq.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Cowan, Senior Counsel, or Zandra Y. Bailes, Branch Chief, at (202) 942–0670 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Insurance Products).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the application. The complete application is available for a fee from the Public Reference Branch of the SEC, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549–0102 [tel. (202) 942–8090].

### Applicants’ Representations

1. AIG SunAmerica Life Assurance Company (“AIG SunAmerica”) is a stock life insurance company originally organized under the laws of the state of California in April 1965, and redomesticated under the laws of the state of Arizona on January 1, 1996. AIG SunAmerica is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SunAmerica Life Insurance Company, an Arizona corporation, which is, in turn, wholly-owned by AIG SunAmerica Inc., a Delaware corporation, which is, in turn, wholly-owned by American International Group, Inc. AIG SunAmerica was previously known as Anchor National Life Insurance Company. AIG SunAmerica is authorized to conduct annuity and life insurance business in the District of Columbia and all states except New York.

2. Variable Separate Account of AIG SunAmerica (the “Separate Account”) was established by AIG SunAmerica on June 25, 1981, in accordance with the laws of the state of California and is currently authorized under the laws of the state of Arizona as a result of AIG SunAmerica’s redomestication on January 1, 1996. The Separate Account is registered as a unit investment trust under the 1940 Act. The Separate Account is used to fund the contract under which the proposed Substitutions are to take place (the “Contract”) and other annuity contracts issued by AIG SunAmerica and is currently divided into a total of sixty-six (66) variable accounts (“Variable Accounts”); however, only seven (7) of the Variable Accounts and portfolios (“Portfolios”) in which they invest are available on an exclusive basis, under the Contract that is the subject of the application.