

requirements does not serve the underlying purpose of the rule.

#### 4.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. Also, special circumstances are present. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the licensee an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix J, Option B, Section III.B for OCNCS. Specifically, this permanent exemption permits the licensee to perform leakage testing of the MSIVs at reduced pressure, but not lower than 20 psig.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (69 FR 63562).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of November, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Extension of Public Comment Period: Louisiana Energy Services National Enrichment Facility

**AGENCY:** United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is extending the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed National Enrichment Facility in Lea County, New Mexico (NUREG-1790) that was to end on November 6, 2004. The original notice of availability of the DEIS appeared in the *Federal Register* on September 17, 2004 (69 FR 56104).

On October 25, 2004, the NRC initiated an additional security review of publicly available documents to ensure that potentially sensitive information is removed from the ADAMS database accessible through the NRC's Web site. Interested members of the public should check the NRC's Web

pages for updates on the availability of documents through the ADAMS system. This extension of the public comment period is appropriate to allow members of the public adequate opportunity to obtain access to relevant documents in ADAMS in order to comment on the DEIS. Therefore, the public comment period is being extended until December 18, 2004.

Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit comments to the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Mail Stop T6-D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Please note Docket No. 70-3103 when submitting comments. Written comments submitted by mail should be postmarked by December 18, 2004, to ensure consideration. Comments mailed after that date will be considered to the extent practical.

Comments will also be accepted by e-mail to [nrcprep@nrc.gov](mailto:nrcprep@nrc.gov), or by facsimile to 301-415-5397, Attention: Anna Bradford.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general or technical information associated with the license review of the National Enrichment Facility, please contact Timothy Johnson at (301) 415-7299. For general information on the NRC environmental review process, please contact Anna Bradford at (301) 415-5228.

Signed in Rockville, MD, this 2nd day of November, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of November 8, 15, 22, 29, December 6, 13, 2004.

**PLACE:** Commissioner's Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### Week of November 8, 2004

*Monday, November 8, 2004*

9 a.m. Briefing on Plant Aging and Material Degradation Issues—Part One (Public Meeting) (Contact: Steve Koenick, 301-415-1239).

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Plant Aging and Material Degradation Issues—Part Two (Public Meeting) (Contact: Steve Koenick, 301-415-1239).

This meeting (both parts) will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

*Wednesday, November 10, 2004*

2:30 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting).

a. U.S. Department of Energy (High Level Waste Repository: Pre-Application Matters); DOE's appeal of LBP-04-20.

b. Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Clinton ESP Site), LBP-04-17 (August 6, 2004).

#### Week of November 15, 2004—Tentative

*Tuesday, November 16, 2004*

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed—Ex. 1).

*Thursday, November 18, 2004*

1:30 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

#### Week of November 22, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 22, 2004.

#### Week of November 29, 2004—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of November 29, 2004.

#### Week of December 6, 2004—Tentative

*Tuesday, December 7, 2004*

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program (Public Meeting) (Contact: Corenthis Kelley, 301-415-7380).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

*Wednesday, December 8, 2004*

1 p.m. Briefing on Status of Davis Besse Lessons Learned Task Force Recommendations (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Jolicoeur, (301) 415-1725).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

*Thursday, December 9, 2004*

2 p.m. Briefing on Reactor Safety and Licensing Activities (Public Meeting) (Contact: Steve Koenick, 301-415-1239).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

#### Week of December 13, 2004—Tentative

*Tuesday, December 14, 2004*

1 p.m. Briefing on Emergency Preparedness Program Initiatives (Public Meeting) (Contact: Nader Mamish, 301-415-1086).