Briefing on Small Modular Reactors (Public Meeting) (Contact: Stephanic Coffin, 301–415–6877)

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

Thursday, March 31, 2011

2:30 p.m.

Discussion of Management Issues (Closed-Ex. 2)

Week of April 4, 2011—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of April 4, 2011.

Week of April 11, 2011—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of April 11, 2011.

Week of April 18, 2011—Tentative Tuesday, April 19, 2011

9 a.m.

Briefing on Source Security—Part 37 Rulemaking—Physical Protection of Byproduct Material (Public Meeting) (Contact: Merri Horn, 301– 415–8126)

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Week of April 25, 2011—Tentative

Thursday, April 28, 2011

9 a.m.

Information Briefing on Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Aida Rivera-Varona, 301– 415–4001)

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Withdrawal of Regulatory Guide 8.5

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Withdrawal of Regulatory Guide 8.5, "Criticality and Other Interior Evacuation Signals."

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory
Commission (NRC) is withdrawing
Regulatory Guide 8.5, "Criticality and
Other Interior Evacuation Signals,"
Revision 1, issued March 1981.
Regulatory Guide 8.5 endorses the
American National Standards Institute/
American Nuclear Society (ANSI/ANS)
Standard N2.3–1979 "Immediate
Evacuation Signal for Use in Industrial
Installations," published September 13,
1979.

In 1986, the ANS Standards
Subcommittee combined ANSI/ANS—
N2.3—1979 with ANSI/ANS—8.3—1986,
"Criticality Accident Alarm System" and
withdrew ANSI/ANS—N2.3—1979. In
December 2010 the NRC issued Revision
2 of Regulatory Guide 3.71, "Nuclear
Criticality Safety Standards for Fuels
and Material Facilities" which endorses
multiple ANSI/ANS standards
including ANSI/ANS—8.3—1997,
(Reaffirmed in 2003).

The combining of ANSI/ANS–N2.3 and ANSI/ANS–8.3 by the ANS and the

endorsement of ANSI/ANS–8.3 by the NRC in Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 3.71 has made Regulatory Guide 8.5 unnecessary. Consequently, the NRC is withdrawing it and recommends using the guidance in ANSI/ANS–8.3–1997 as endorsed with exceptions by Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 3.71 instead.

II. Further Information

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of February, 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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