

licensee. The Commission finds that the underlying purpose of the Appendix G timing provision at issue is to investigate a late shipment that may be lost, misdirected, or diverted. For mixed-mode shipments, PG&E contracts awarded to carriers will require electronic data tracking system interchange, or similar tracking systems that allow monitoring the progress of the shipments. The contracts will require a daily update be provided for the location of the conveyance via e-mail. Because of the oversight and monitoring of radioactive waste shipments throughout the entire journey from HBPP to the disposal site, it is unlikely that a shipment could be lost, misdirected, or diverted without the knowledge of the carrier or PG&E. Furthermore, by extending the elapsed time for receipt acknowledgment to 45 days before requiring investigations and reporting, a reasonable upper limit on shipment duration (based on historical analysis) is still maintained if a breakdown of normal tracking systems were to occur. Consequently, the Commission finds that there is no hazard to life or property by extending the investigation and reporting time for low-level radioactive waste shipments from 20 days to 45 days for mixed-mode shipments. Therefore, the Commission concludes that the underlying purpose of 10 CFR part 20, appendix G, section III.E will be met.

4.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 20.2301, the exemption requested by PG&E in its September 4, 2009, letter is authorized by law and will not result in undue hazards to life or property. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants PG&E an exemption to extend the 20-day investigation and reporting requirements for shipments of low-level radioactive waste, as required by 10 CFR part 20, appendix G, section III.E, to 45 days.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.31, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment as documented in **Federal Register** (FR) notice 74 FR 65165 December 9, 2009.

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 11th day of December, 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Deputy Director, Decommissioning and Uranium Recovery Licensing Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.

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Agency Holding the Meetings: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of December 21, 28, 2009, January 4, 11, 18, 25, 2010.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and closed.

Week of December 21, 2009

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 21, 2009.

Week of December 28, 2009—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of December 28, 2009.

Week of January 4, 2010—Tentative

Thursday, January 7, 2010

12:15 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative).

- a. *PPL Bell Bend, LLC* (Combined License Application for Bell Bend Nuclear Power Plant), LBP-09-18 (Ruling on Standing and Contention Admissibility) (Tentative).
- b. *Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corp.* (License Amendment Request for Decommissioning the Newfield Site), Shieldalloy's Amended Motion for Stay Pending Judicial Review of Commission Action Transferring Regulatory Authority Over Newfield, New Jersey Site to the State of New Jersey (Oct. 14, 2009) (Tentative).

Week of January 11, 2010—Tentative

Tuesday, January 12, 2010

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response—Programs, Performance, and Future Plans (Public Meeting) (*Contact:* Marshall Kohen, 301-415-5436).

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

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

Week of January 18, 2010—Tentative

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

9:30 a.m. Briefing on the NRC Enforcement and Allegations Programs (Public Meeting) (*Contact:* Shahram Ghasemian, 301-415-3591).

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

Week of January 25, 2010—Tentative

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation—Programs, Performance, and Future Plans (Public Meeting) (*Contact:* Quynh Nguyen, 301-415-5844).

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

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Dated: December 16, 2009.

Rochelle C. Baval,

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