

determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing is held.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration, the Commission may issue the amendment and make it immediately effective, notwithstanding the request for a hearing. Any hearing held would take place after issuance of the amendment.

If the final determination is that the amendment request involves a significant hazards consideration, any hearing held would take place before the issuance of any amendment.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, by the above date. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to David W. Jenkins, Esq., 500 Circle Drive, Buchanan, MI 49107 attorney for the licensee. Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated [date], which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible 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 Public Document Room Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdrc@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of April, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-280 and 50-281]

Viginia Electric and Power Company, Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplement 6 to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement and Public Meeting for the License Renewal of Surry Units 1 and 2

Notice is hereby given that the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has published a draft plant-specific supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS), NUREG-1437, regarding the renewal of operating licenses DPR-32 and DPR-37 for an additional 20 years of operation at Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2. Surry Power Station is located in Surry County, Virginia. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources.

The draft supplement to the GEIS is available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or 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.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). 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, or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdrc@nrc.gov. In addition, the Swem Library at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, has agreed to make the draft supplement to the GEIS available for public inspection.

Any interested party may submit comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS for consideration by the NRC staff. To be certain of consideration, comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS and the proposed action must be received by July 12, 2002. Comments received after the due date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but

the NRC staff is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Written comments on the draft supplement to the GEIS should be sent to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mail Stop T-6D 59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by the Internet at SurryEIS@nrc.gov. All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, or other interested persons, will be made available electronically at the Commission's Public Document Room in Rockville, Maryland and from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS).

The NRC staff will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS and to accept public comments on the document. The public meeting will be held at the Surry Combined District Court Room, Surry County Government Center, 45 School Street, Surry, Virginia, on May 29, 2002. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will commence at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m. The second session will commence at 7 p.m. and will continue until 10 p.m. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include (1) a presentation of the contents of the draft plant-specific supplement to the GEIS, and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to provide comments on the draft report. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour prior to the start of each session at the Surry County Government Center. No comments on the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meetings or in writing, as discussed below. Persons may pre-register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting by contacting Mr. Andrew J. Kugler by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 2828, or by Internet to the NRC at SurryEIS@nrc.gov no later than May 22, 2002. Members of the public may also register to provide oral comments within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time

available, depending on the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Kugler's attention no later than May 22, 2002, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Andrew J. Kugler, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Mr. Kugler may be contacted at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of April, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Solicitation of Comments on Draft NRC Inspection Manual Chapter 2604, "Licensee Performance Review"

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for comment.

SUMMARY: The Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards of the NRC has issued a draft revision to Inspection Manual Chapter (MC) 2604, "Licensee Performance Review" for stakeholder review and comment. The Licensee Performance Review (LPR) process is part of the NRC's oversight program for commercial nuclear fuel cycle facilities regulated under 10 CFR parts 40, 70, and 76. These facilities currently include gaseous diffusion plants, uranium fuel fabrication facilities, and a uranium hexafluoride (UF₆) production facility.

Through the proposed revision to MC 2604, the staff intends to make the LPR process more risk informed by: focusing the periodic performance reviews on safety- and safeguards-significant issues; discontinuing the practice of aggregating non-significant issues; eliminating the use of "strengths" and "challenges to performance" in characterizing facility performance, and; replacing the term "weaknesses" with "areas needing

improvement." In addition to enhancing the safety focus of facility performance assessment, the staff believes that these changes should make the LPR process more efficient. Accordingly, the staff has shortened the time span to produce an LPR report by several weeks, which will result in the reports being more timely. The staff intends to continue holding public meetings in the vicinity of facilities to present LPR results to licensees and interested stakeholders.

The availability of this document is the latest step in an NRC effort to improve its oversight program for nuclear fuel cycle facilities. The staff has recently revised its approach to this project to revise first the LPR process, then the inspection program, pending the implementation of changes resulting from the recent revision to 10 CFR part 70. The staff's revised approach is described more fully in a March 18, 2002, memorandum from the Executive Director for Operations to the Commission. This memorandum is available in the Public Document Room, in ADAMS (accession number ML012770063), and on the NRC technical conference Web site at <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/topics>.

Opportunity To Comment: To provide NRC with stakeholder views on proposed changes to the process used to assess the safety and safeguards performance of fuel facilities, interested parties are invited to comment on the draft revision to MC 2604.

DATES: Written comments must be received prior to May 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the draft revision to MC 2604 may be obtained by writing to the Inspection Section, Special Projects and Inspection Branch (M/S T8H7), Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments on this document should be sent to this same address.

The draft revision to MC 2604 is also available on the NRC technical conference Web site at <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/topics>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Castleman, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, M/S T8H7, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-8118, e-mail pic@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of April, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Chief, Special Projects and Inspection Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

January 2002 Pay Adjustments

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President adjusted the rates of basic pay and locality payments for certain categories of Federal employees in January 2002. This notice documents those pay adjustments for the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Roberts, Office of Compensation Administration, Workforce Compensation and Performance Service, Office of Personnel Management, (202) 606-2858, FAX (202) 606-0824, or email to payleave@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 28, 2001, the President signed Executive Order 13249 (67 FR 639, January 7, 2002), which implemented the January 2002 across-the-board adjustments for the statutory pay systems and the 2002 locality pay adjustments for General Schedule (GS) employees in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. The President made these adjustments consistent with Public Law 107-67, November 12, 2001, which authorized an overall average pay increase of 4.6 percent for General Schedule employees.

Schedule 1 of Executive Order 13249 provides the rates for the 2002 General Schedule and reflects a 3.6 percent general increase. Executive Order 13249 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2002 locality payments. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13249.)

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in section 5(b) of Executive Order 13182 that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2002 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

GS employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. In 2002, locality payments ranging from 8.64 percent to 19.04 percent apply to GS employees in 32 locality pay areas.