

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-8]

Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant; Notice of Docketing of the Materials License SNM-2505 Amendment Application for the Calvert Cliffs Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

By letter dated November 16, 2000, Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant (CCNPP) submitted an application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) in accordance with 10 CFR Part 72 requesting an amendment of the Calvert Cliffs independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) license (SNM-2505) for the ISFSI located in Calvert County, Maryland. CCNPP is seeking Commission approval to amend the materials license to reflect changes to License Conditions 9, 12, and 16. Changes to Conditions 9 and 12 involve eliminating references to certain documents. Changes to Condition 16 involve elimination of the helium leak test for the double-closure seal welds located at the bottom of the dry shielded canisters.

This application was docketed under 10 CFR part 72; the ISFSI Docket No. is 72-8 and will remain the same for this action. The amendment of an ISFSI license is subject to the Commission's approval.

The Commission may issue either a notice of hearing or a notice of proposed action and opportunity for hearing in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(1) or, if a determination is made that the amendment does not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected, take immediate action on the amendment in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(2) and provide notice of the action taken and an opportunity for interested persons to request a hearing on whether the action should be rescinded or modified.

For further details with respect to this application, see the application dated November 16, 2000, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, One White Flint North Building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, or from the publically available records component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web Site at <http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/adams/index.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of January 2001.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NOTICE REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-3098]

Notice of Opportunities for Hearings Related to Licensing the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility

Within the next several months, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) expects to receive an application from Duke Cogema Stone & Webster (DCS) to construct and operate a mixed oxide (MOX) fuel fabrication facility to be located at the U.S. Department of Energy's Savannah River Site. The regulations in 10 CFR part 70 for a plutonium fuel fabrication plant contemplate two approvals—approval for construction (10 CFR 70.23(a)(7), (b)) and approval for operation (10 CFR 70.23(a)(8)). The regulations in 10 CFR part 70 do not, however, mandate a particular approval or hearing process. The appropriate approval and hearing process—one stage or two stage—will depend largely on the nature, level of detail and degree of completeness of the application. This notice is intended to inform the public of the staff's planned approach for possible hearing issues related to the MOX fuel fabrication facility.

Although the regulations do not require the applicant to submit a comprehensive and complete application covering both construction and operation before the Commission can approve commencement of construction, an applicant has the option of submitting a complete license application addressing both construction and operation at the outset. We understand, however, that DCS will be submitting an initial application (including the environmental report) focusing on siting matters and the design bases of the principal structures, systems, and components, leaving the balance of the information, including detailed design and safety evaluation issues and operating issues, to be addressed in a second submittal. In this case, a two-stage approval and hearing process is appropriate. NRC will be providing an opportunity for a hearing in connection with each of the two required approvals (approval for construction and approval for operation). Any NRC adjudicatory proceedings regarding the MOX facility

would be subject to the procedural requirements of 10 CFR part 2, Subpart L.

The first hearing would encompass issues related to the construction approval, and would likely be limited to whether applicable NRC requirements have been met regarding the general design bases for the principal structures, systems, and components, the quality assurance program, and environmental issues. The second hearing would encompass all other issues related to the issuance of a 10 CFR part 70 license. Such issues would include whether operation of the MOX facility, as constructed, will adequately protect health, minimize danger to life or property, and control special nuclear material.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of January 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-354]

PSEG Nuclear LLC; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment To Facility Operating License No. NPF-57 Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-57 issued to PSEG Nuclear LLC (the licensee) for operation of the Hope Creek Generating Station, located in Salem County, New Jersey.

The proposed amendment would revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to change the acceptance values for Core Spray subsystem flow contained in TS 4.5.1.b.1 from the current value of 6350 gallons per minute (gpm) to 6150 gpm.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended