

statement (EIS) for the amendment, and is issuing a FONSI.

## II. Environmental Assessment

### *Description of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would amend License Condition 11.3 (A) and (B) of Strata's Ross license. Strata's amendment request consists of modifying the minimum density requirement in a wellfield baseline monitoring program and the distance to and spacing of wells on the perimeter monitoring well ring (ADAMS Accession No. ML16004A032).

### *Need for the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would allow Strata flexibility in the placement of wells to avoid certain natural features and infrastructure.

### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The NRC assessed the environmental impacts to ground water as a result of amending License Condition 11.3 (A) and (B) and determined that there would be no significant impact to ground-water quality. The NRC determined the proposed changes to the License Condition—changes to well density requirements and distance to and spacing of wells in perimeter monitoring well ring—would still maintain Strata's ability to develop appropriate baseline and restoration data and continue the timely and accurate identification of ground-water excursions.

### *Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the “no-action” alternative). The No-Action Alternative would mean that the NRC would not approve the requested change to License Condition 11.3 (A) and (B). The No-Action alternative would result in Strata operating the Ross project as currently licensed, thus the impacts would be the same as those already considered in the Ross Supplemental EIS (ADAMS Accession No. ML14056A096).

### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

On June 14, 2017, the NRC staff sent a copy of the draft EA to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for their review and comment. The state official responded on July 6, 2017, that DEQ had reviewed the EA and did not have any comments (ADAMS Accession No. ML17191A327).

## III. Finding of No Significant Impact

Based on its review of the proposed action, and in accordance with the requirements in 10 CFR part 51, the NRC staff has determined that amending License Condition 11.3(A) and (B) for the Ross ISR project would not significantly affect ground-water quality. The NRC staff has determined that pursuant to 10 CFR 51.31, preparation of an EIS is not required for the proposed action and, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, a FONSI is appropriate.

On the basis of the final EA, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an EIS for the proposed action.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of July 2017.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Craig G. Erlanger,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2017-0164]

### New ListServ for Waste Incidental to Reprocessing (WIR) Program Documents

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of process change; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a notice regarding a process change. The NRC is migrating to a ListServ, to distribute emails with links to publicly-available documents related to the Waste Incidental to Reprocessing (WIR) Program. The current method of using email lists will be discontinued. If a member of the public does not currently receive such NRC emails and they would like to receive those NRC emails in the future, then they need to voluntarily sign-up for the WIR ListServ via a link to the NRC Public Web site. The instructions for signing up for the WIR ListServ are provided in this **Federal Register** notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2017-0164 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document.

You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Web site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2017-0164. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- **NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

- **NRC's PDR:** You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For those members of the public who are currently on the NRC WIR email list and already receive NRC emails with links to publicly-available WIR Program documents, your email address has already been transferred to the WIR ListServ and you do not need to do anything to continue to receive those NRC emails in the future. If any other member of the public would like to start receiving NRC emails with a link to future publicly-available WIR Program documents, then they need to voluntarily sign-up for the WIR ListServ using the link and instructions provided below.

The only way to sign-up for the WIR ListServ is to: (1) Go to the following Web page on the NRC Public Web site: <https://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/listserver.html>, (2) scroll down to the section entitled “Lyris Subscription Services,” (3) enter the email address where you want to receive the NRC WIR ListServ emails, (4) check the box entitled “Waste Incidental to Reprocessing (WIR),” and (5) click “Subscribe.”

Note that after you are subscribed to an NRC ListServ, you will receive an email from the NRC indicating which ListServ you have subscribed to, which email address you used to subscribe to that ListServ, and instructions on how you can unsubscribe to that ListServ, if desired. You are responsible for ensuring that the ListServ has your current email address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 10th day of July 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-1; NRC-2017-0103]

### GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC; GE-Hitachi Morris Operation Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** License amendment application; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** By letter dated February 15, 2017, as supplemented March 9, 2017, and as supplemented June 6, 2017, GE-Hitachi (GEH) submitted to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) a license amendment request (LAR) No. 15, Materials License No. SNM-2500 (LAR 2500-15) for the GEH Facility at Morris, Illinois, in accordance with NRC's regulations. The amendment provides clarification for the storage of liquid and solid waste treatment products. The amendment requested no changes to the technical or regulatory provisions of the license. The application included adequate justification for the proposed changes. The NRC has approved and issued the amendment in its letter dated June 29th, 2017, along with its safety evaluation report.

**DATES:** July 19, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2017-0103 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2017-0103. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol

Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then select "Begin Web-based ADAMS Search." For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document. The GE-Hitachi Morris Operation License Amendment Request No. 15 is available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML17046A072, ML17072A381, and ML17157B369, respectively.

- *NRC's PDR:* You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1-F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 21, 2004, the NRC renewed Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM-2500 for the GEMO independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) (ADAMS Accession No. ML043360433), located near Morris, Illinois. The renewed license authorizes GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC, to possess, store, and transfer spent nuclear fuel and associated radioactive materials at the GEMO ISFSI for a term of 20 years. The NRC also issued an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact related to the issuance of the renewed ISFSI license on November 30, 2004 (ADAMS Accession No. ML043360409), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, and in conformance with the applicable requirements of part 51 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR).

Pursuant to 10 CFR 72.46 and 72.58, the NRC has docketed, approved and issued Amendment No. 15 to Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM-

2500, held by GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC, for the possession, transfer and storage of spent fuel at the GEMO ISFSI. Amendment No. 15 is effective as of the date of issuance.

Amendment No. 15 complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings, as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR chapter 1, which are set forth in Amendment No. 15. The issuance of Amendment No. 15 satisfied the criteria specified in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10)(v) for a categorical exclusion. Thus, the preparation of an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement was not required.

A Notice of Opportunity to Request a Hearing and to Petition for Leave to Intervene in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on April 24, 2017 (82 FR 18937). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of July 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**John McKirgan,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499; NRC-2016-0092]

### STP Nuclear Operating Company; South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Exemption; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is granting exemptions from certain portions of the acceptance criteria for emergency core cooling, and the general design criteria for emergency core cooling, containment heat removal, and atmosphere cleanup for the use of a risk-informed analysis to evaluate the effects of debris in containment following a loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) for the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2, located in Matagorda County, Texas, Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499, respectively. The exemptions are in response to a request dated June 19,