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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (10-017)]

NASA Advisory Council; Space Operations Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the Space Operations Committee of the NASA Advisory Council.

DATES: Wednesday, February 17, 2010, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. EST.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20456, Room 2U22.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jacob Keaton, NAC Space Operations Committee Executive Secretary, National Aeronautics and Space Administration Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-1507.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

—NASA Space Operations Mission Directorate Update

The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will need to show a valid picture identification such as a driver's license to enter the NASA Headquarters building (West Lobby—Visitor Control Center), and must state that they are attending the NASA Advisory Council Space Operation Committee meeting in Room 2U22. All non-U.S. citizens must fax a copy of their passport, and print or type their name, current address, citizenship,

company affiliation (if applicable) to include address, telephone number, and their place of birth, date of birth, U.S. visa information to include type, number, expiration date, U.S. Social Security Number (if applicable), and place and date of entry into the U.S., fax to Jacob Keaton, NASA Advisory Council Space Operations Executive Secretary at 202-358-2885 by no later than February 10, 2010. To expedite admittance, U.S. attendees can provide identifying information in advance by contacting Mr. Jacob Keaton via e-mail at Jacob.keaton@nasa.gov or by telephone at (202) 358-1507. Persons with disabilities who require assistance should indicate this.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2010-0031]

Draft Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Issuance and Availability of Draft Regulatory Guide, DG-4017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gregory Chapman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: (301) 492-3106 or e-mail to Gregory.Chapman@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft regulatory guide (DG), entitled, "Monitoring and Reporting Radioactive Materials in Liquid and Gaseous Effluents from Nuclear Fuel Cycle Facilities," is temporarily

identified by its task number, DG-4017, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG-4017 is a proposed Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 4.16, dated December 1985. This guide describes a method that the NRC staff considers acceptable for the development and implementation of effluent monitoring programs to be described in license applications and for monitoring and reporting effluent data by licensees. The guidance is applicable to nuclear fuel cycle facilities with the exception of uranium mining and milling facilities and nuclear power reactors. The NRC has developed other regulatory guides applicable to those facilities.

Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), § 70.59, "Effluent Monitoring Reporting Requirements," requires licensees authorized to possess and use special nuclear material for processing and fuel fabrication, scrap recovery, conversion of uranium hexafluoride, or in a uranium enrichment facility to submit semi-annual reports to the NRC specifying the quantity of each of the principal radionuclides released to unrestricted areas and such other information as the NRC may require to estimate maximum potential annual radiation doses to the public resulting from effluent releases. As required by 10 CFR 40.65, "Effluent Monitoring Reporting Requirements," each licensee authorized to possess and use source material in the production of uranium hexafluoride must submit semiannual reports similar to those required by 10 CFR 70.59.

II. Further Information

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-4017. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data and should mention DG-4017 in the subject line. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS).

Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed. You may submit

comments by any of the following methods:

1. *Mail comments to:* Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

2. *Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID [NRC-2010-0031]. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher, (301) 492-3668; e-mail Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

3. *Fax comments to:* Rulemaking and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 492-3446.

Requests for technical information about DG-4017 may be directed to the NRC contact, Gregory Chapman at (301) 492-3106 or e-mail to Gregory.Chapman@nrc.gov.

Comments would be most helpful if received by April 5, 2010. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Electronic copies of DG-4017 are available through the NRC's public Web site under Draft Regulatory Guides in the "Regulatory Guides" collection of the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. Electronic copies are also available in ADAMS (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>), under Accession No. ML091810092.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4205, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of January, 2010.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John N. Ridgely,

Acting Chief, Regulatory Guide Development Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-482; NRC-2010-0032]

Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation, Wolf Creek Generating Station; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption, pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) § 73.5, "Specific exemptions," from the implementation date for certain new requirements of 10 CFR Part 73, "Physical protection of plants and materials," for Renewed Facility Operating License No. NPF-42, issued to Wolf Creek Nuclear Operating Corporation (WCNOC, the licensee), for operation of the Wolf Creek Generating Station (WCGS), located in Coffey County, Kansas. In accordance with 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC prepared an environmental assessment documenting its finding. The NRC concluded that the proposed actions will have no significant environmental impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt WCGS from the required implementation date of March 31, 2010, for several new requirements of 10 CFR Part 73. Specifically, WCGS would be granted an exemption from being in full compliance with certain new requirements contained in 10 CFR 73.55 by the March 31, 2010, deadline. WCNOC has proposed an alternate full compliance implementation date of December 31, 2010, approximately 9 months beyond the date required by 10 CFR Part 73. The proposed action, an extension of the schedule for completion of certain actions required by the revised 10 CFR Part 73, does not involve any physical changes to the reactor, fuel, plant structures, support structures, water, or land at the WCGS site.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated December 15, 2009.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed to provide the licensee with additional time to perform the required upgrades to the WCGS security system due to long lead time for procuring the materials, unfavorable weather months affecting construction, and resource limitations due to concurrent project activity.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its environmental assessment of the proposed exemption. The staff has concluded that the proposed action to extend the implementation deadline would not significantly affect plant safety and would not have a significant adverse effect on the probability of an accident occurring.

The proposed action would not result in an increased radiological hazard beyond those previously analyzed in the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact made by the Commission in promulgating its revisions to 10 CFR Part 73 as discussed in a **Federal Register** notice dated March 27, 2009 (74 FR 13967). There will be no change to radioactive effluents that affect radiation exposures to plant workers and members of the public. Therefore, no changes or different types of radiological impacts are expected as a result of the proposed exemption.

The proposed action does not result in changes to land use or water use, or result in changes to the quality or quantity of non-radiological effluents. No changes to the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit are needed. No effects on the aquatic or terrestrial habitat in the vicinity of the plant, or to threatened, endangered, or protected species under the Endangered Species Act, or impacts to essential fish habitat covered by the Magnuson-Steven's Act are expected. There are no impacts to the air or ambient air quality.

There are no impacts to historical and cultural resources. There would be no impact to socioeconomic resources. Therefore, no changes to or different types of non-radiological environmental impacts are expected as a result of the proposed exemption.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action. In addition, in promulgating its revisions to 10 CFR Part 73, the Commission prepared an environmental assessment and published a finding of no significant impact [Part 73, Power Reactor Security Requirements, 74 FR 13926, 13967 (March 27, 2009)].

Therefore, the extension of the implementation date of the new requirements of 10 CFR Part 73 to December 31, 2010, would not have any significant environmental impacts.

The NRC staff's safety evaluation will be provided in the exemption that will be issued as part of the letter to the licensee approving the exemption to the regulation, if granted.