

That petition has now been ruled on, and the Commission's rulemaking decision is reflected in the discussion of the scope of the hearing addressed in Section III.D, above.⁷

Finally, the third issue Nevada raises in its September 9 Petition concerns the status of security clearances and access to classified information in the Yucca Mountain construction authorization application. Nevada argues that its representatives have not been informed of decisions on their security clearances and on access to classified information, "notwithstanding timely applications," so no contentions based on classified information can be prepared.⁸ To remedy this, Nevada again asks for a bifurcation of contention-filing deadlines.

It is the Commission's understanding that, as of the end of July, one of Nevada's security clearance applications was complete and was being processed, another application was incomplete, and two applications had been withdrawn.⁹ From this, the Commission concludes that the timeliness of Nevada's security clearance applications is factually ambiguous. Moreover, it is not immediately clear that the perceived problem could not be remedied by the provision of redacted versions of classified documents that could provide a basis for the formulation of contentions before the security clearance application reviews are completed. The Commission directs the PAPO Board to resolve both of these questions.

It is so ordered.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of October, 2008.

For the Commission.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook,

Secretary of the Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR); Corrected Notice of Meeting (Corrected To Note New Meeting Times)

The ACRS Subcommittee on the ESBWR will hold a meeting on October 21-22, 2008, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed to protect information that is proprietary to General Electric-Hitachi (GEH) Nuclear Energy and its contractors pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4).

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Tuesday, October 21, 2008—1 p.m.–5 p.m

Wednesday, October 22, 2008—8:30 a.m.–12 noon.

The Subcommittee will review Chapter 14 of the Safety Evaluation Report with Open Items associated with the ESBWR Design Certification Application. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, GEH, and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Dr. Harold J. Vandermolen, (Telephone: 301-415-6236) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 26, 2007 (72 FR 54695).

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (ET). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda.

Dated: October 14, 2008.

Cayetano Santos,

Branch Chief.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-7001, 70-7002]

Notice of Renewal of Certificates of Compliance GDP-1 and GDP-2 for the U.S. Enrichment Corporation, Paducah and Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plants, Paducah, KY and Portsmouth, OH

ACTION: Notice and issuance of a Director's Decision renewing the Certificates of Compliance for the United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) allowing continued operation of the gaseous diffusion plants (GDPs), at Paducah, KY, and Portsmouth, OH.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is hereby issuing a director's decision authorizing the renewal of the certificates of compliance for the two GDPs located near Paducah, KY, and Portsmouth, OH, for the USEC, allowing continued operation of these plants. The renewal of these certificates for the GDPs covers a 5-year period. USEC submitted individual renewal requests for both the Paducah and Portsmouth GDPs on April 10, 2008, pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Section 76.31.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 76.53, the NRC consulted with and requested written comments on the renewal application from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE). EPA responded in a letter dated September 15, 2008, (ML082840196) stating that it had thoroughly reviewed the USEC application to ensure that USEC had provided an accurate environmental compliance overview. The EPA found that both the local and regional EPA regulators had adequately inspected the

⁷ See State of Nevada; Denial of Petition for Rulemaking, Docket No. PRM-2-14, available at ADAMS accession number ML082900618.

⁸ September 9 Petition at 6.

⁹ See Letter from Aby Mohseni, Deputy Director, Licensing and Inspection Directorate, Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards to Robert R. Loux, Executive Director, Agency for Nuclear Projects, Office of the Governor, State of Nevada (July 31, 2008), available at ADAMS accession number ML081910097.