

must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

If a hearing is requested with respect to the proposed amendment, the Commission will make a final determination on the issue of no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will serve to decide when the hearing on the amendment 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, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, 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 Jay E. Silberg, Esquire, Shaw, Pittman, Potts and Trowbridge, 2300 N Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037, attorney for the licensees.

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 June 29, 1998, as supplemented by letter dated July 14, 1998, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the University of Toledo, William Carlson Library, Government Documents Collection, 2801 West Bancroft Avenue, Toledo, OH 43606.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of July 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Allen G. Hansen,**

*Project Manager, Project Directorate III-3, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Thermal-Hydraulic Phenomena will hold a meeting on August 27, 1998, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

A portion of this meeting will be closed to public attendance to discuss General Electric Nuclear Energy proprietary information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4).

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows: *Thursday, August 27, 1998—8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of business.*

The Subcommittee will discuss the application by the Southern Nuclear Operating Company for a power level increase of 8% for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant Units 1 and 2, pursuant to the General Electric Nuclear

Energy extended power uprate program. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and to formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Committee. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Subcommittee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the cognizant ACRS staff engineer named below five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portion of the meeting, the Subcommittee, along with any of its consultants who may be present, may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

The Subcommittee will then hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the General Electric Nuclear Energy, NRC staff, their consultants, and other interested persons regarding this review.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the scheduling of sessions which are open to the public, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting the cognizant ACRS staff engineer, Mr. Paul A. Boehnert (telephone 301/415-8065) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (EDT). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual one or two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes to the agenda, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: July 29, 1998.

**Sam Duraiswamy,**

*Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a draft of a guide planned for its Regulatory Guide

Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the Commission's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-4006 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is titled "Demonstrating Compliance with the Radiological Criteria for License Termination." The guide is intended for Division 4, "Environmental and Siting." This draft guide is being developed to provide guidance on how to demonstrate compliance with the radiological criteria at the sites of licensees who wish to terminate their licenses and release their sites.

The draft guide has not received complete staff review and does not represent an official NRC staff position. However, the Commission has authorized the interim use of this guide for the next two years. The final version of the guide will then incorporate experience and public comments.

Public comments are being solicited on Draft Regulatory Guide DG-4006. Comments may be accompanied by additional relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by August 31, 1999.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail [CAG@nrc.gov](mailto:CAG@nrc.gov).

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, 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.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which

may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section; or by fax at (301) 415-5272. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them. (5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of July 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**John W. Craig,**

*Director, Division of Regulatory Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia H. Paige, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on July 9, 1998 (62 FR 36970). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between June 1, 1998, and June 30, 1998, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

### Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked during June 1998.

### Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during June 1998.

### Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during June 1998.

#### *Council on Environmental Quality*

Associate Director for Communications to the Chair, Council on Environmental Quality. Effective June 24, 1998.

#### *Department of Agriculture*

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Risk Management Agency. Effective June 25, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration. Effective June 29, 1998.

#### *Department of Commerce*

Senior Advisor to the Undersecretary for International Trade. Effective June 3, 1998.

Senior Advisor to the Director, Office of Sustainable Development and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective June 26, 1998.

#### *Department of Defense*

Public Affairs Specialist to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. Effective June 25, 1998.

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant for White House Liaison. Effective June 25, 1998.

#### *Department of Education*

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Intergovernmental and Constituent Relations. Effective June 4, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs. Effective June 15, 1998.

Director, Legislation Staff to the Assistant Secretary for Legislation and Congressional Affairs. Effective June 18, 1998.

Director, Congressional Affairs to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislation and Congressional Affairs. Effective June 18, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office for Civil Rights. Effective June 25, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Secretary's Regional Representative, Region VII. Effective June 26, 1998.

#### *Department of Energy*

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Senate Liaison to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective June 29, 1998.