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**Respondents:** Individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, business or other for profit, and Federal, State, local or tribal government.

**Number of Respondents:** 27,000.

**Burden of the Public:** The total estimate for this collection is 60,000 annual burden hours. This figure is based on the previous 3 years of collecting information under this clearance and anticipated collections. The average annual reporting burden is between .5 and 50 hours per "respondent" depending on whether a respondent is a direct participant who is self-reporting or representing a project and reporting on behalf of many project participants.

Dated: August 20, 2007.

**Suzanne H. Plimpton,**

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-0219-LR, ASLBP No. 06-844-01-LR]

### Atomic Safety and Licensing Board; In the Matter of: Amergen Energy Company, LLC (License Renewal for Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station)

August 20, 2007.

Before Administrative Judges: E. Roy Hawkens, Chairman; Dr. Paul B. Abramson; Dr. Anthony J. Baratta

### Notice of Hearing (Application for 20-year License Renewal)

This proceeding concerns the July 22, 2005 application by AmerGen Energy Company, LLC ("AmerGen") to renew its operating license for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station ("Oyster Creek") for twenty years beyond the current expiration date of April 9, 2009. In response to the September 15, 2005 Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (70 Fed. Reg. 54,585 (Sept. 15, 2005)), two Requests for Hearing and Petitions to Intervene were filed on November 14, 2005. One Petition was filed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection [hereinafter referred to as New Jersey], and the other Petition was filed by the Nuclear Information and Resource Service, Jersey Shore Nuclear Watch, Inc., Grandmothers, Mothers and More for Energy Safety, New Jersey Public Interest Research Group, New Jersey Sierra Club, and New Jersey

Environmental Federation [hereinafter referred to collectively as Citizens]. On December 9, 2005, this Atomic Safety and Licensing Board was established to preside over the proceeding.

On February 27, 2006, this Board issued a Memorandum and Order in which we (LBP-06-07, 63 NRC 188 (2006)): (1) Denied New Jersey's Request for Hearing and Petition to Intervene;<sup>1</sup> and (2) granted Citizens' Request for Hearing and Petition to Intervene. We concluded that Citizens' contention was admissible to the extent it challenged AmerGen's aging management program for measuring corrosion in the sand bed region of the drywell liner (*id.* at 217).

Subsequently, on June 6, 2006, this Board issued a Memorandum and Order in which we concluded that Citizens' contention, as admitted by the Board, was a contention of omission that had been cured as a result of newly docketed commitments by AmerGen to perform periodic ultrasonic testing ("UT") measurements in the sand bed region of the drywell liner throughout the period of extended operation (LBP-06-16, 63 NRC 737 (2006)). Instead of dismissing the proceeding, the Board gave Citizens the opportunity to file a new contention raising one or more specific substantive challenges to AmerGen's new periodic UT program for the sand bed region (*id.* at 744). On June 23, Citizens submitted a Petition to file new contentions, and on October 10, this Board admitted one of the newly proffered contentions; specifically, Citizens' assertion that AmerGen's scheduled UT monitoring frequency in the sand bed region of the drywell shell during the renewal period is insufficient to maintain an adequate safety margin (LBP-06-22, 64 NRC 229, 240-44 (2006)).

This Atomic Safety and Licensing Board hereby gives notice that, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L, it will convene an evidentiary hearing to receive testimony and exhibits concerning whether the frequency of AmerGen's proposed UT monitoring program for the sand bed region of the drywell shell is sufficient to maintain adequate safety margins during the period of extended operation.

### A. Date, Time, and Location of Evidentiary Hearing

The evidentiary hearing in this proceeding, which will be open to the

<sup>1</sup> Although New Jersey established standing, the Board concluded that it failed to proffer an admissible contention. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission sustained the Board's ruling. CLI-07-08, 65 NRC 124 (2007); CLI-06-24, 64 NRC 111 (2006).

public,<sup>2</sup> will begin on Monday, September 24, 2007 at 9 a.m., and will continue day-to-day, ending no later than Wednesday, September 26 at 12 p.m., at the location specified below: Ocean County Administration Building, Room 119, 101 Hooper Avenue, Toms River, NJ 08754.

### B. Submitting Written Limited Appearance Statements

Any person not a party to the proceeding, including persons who are affiliated with or represented by a party, may submit to the Board at any time a written limited appearance statement setting forth his or her position on matters of concern relating to this proceeding. See 10 CFR 2.315(a). Although these statements do not constitute testimony or evidence in the proceeding, they nonetheless may assist the Board and/or the parties in their consideration of the issues. Such statements should be submitted to:

**Mail:** Office of the Secretary, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**Fax:** (301) 415-1101 (verification (301) 415-1966).

**E-mail:** [hearingdocket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearingdocket@nrc.gov).

In addition, using the same method of service, a copy of the written statement must be sent to the Chairman of this Licensing Board as follows:

**Mail:** Administrative Judge E. Roy Hawkens, c/o: Debra Wolf, Esq., Law Clerk, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T-3 F23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

**Fax:** (301) 415-5599 (verification (301) 415-6094).

**E-mail:** [daw1@nrc.gov](mailto:daw1@nrc.gov).

### C. Availability of Documentary Information Regarding the Proceeding

Documents relating to this proceeding are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or electronically from the publicly available records component of NRC's document system

<sup>2</sup> Members of the public who plan to attend the evidentiary hearing are advised that security measures may be employed at the entrance to the facility, including searches of hand-carried items such as briefcases, backpacks, packages, etc. In addition, signs, banners, posters and displays will be prohibited because they are disruptive to the conduct of the adjudicatory process. See Procedures for Providing Security Support for NRC Public Meetings/Hearings, 66 Fed. Reg. 31,719 (June 12, 2001).

In the event that a party deems it necessary to discuss protected information at the hearing, that portion of the hearing will be closed to the public. See 10 CFR 2.390(a)(4).

(ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (Electronic Reading Room). Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR reference staff by telephone at (800) 397-4209 or (301) 415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

#### D. Scheduling Information Updates

To the extent updated/revised scheduling information exists regarding the evidentiary hearing, it can be found on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm> or by calling (800) 368-5642, extension 5036, or (301) 415-5036.

It is so ordered.

Dated in Rockville, Maryland, on August 20, 2007.

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board.<sup>3</sup>

**E. Roy Hawkens,**

*Chairman, Administrative Judge.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Fiscal Year 2008 Tariff-Rate Quota Allocations for Raw Cane Sugar, Refined and Specialty Sugar, and Sugar-Containing Products

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice of country-by-country allocations of the FY 2008 in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for imported raw cane sugar, refined and specialty sugar, and sugar-containing products.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 24, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to Leslie O'Connor, Director of Agricultural Affairs, Office of Agricultural Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leslie O'Connor, Office of Agricultural Affairs, telephone: 202-395-6127 or facsimile: 202-395-4579.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to chapter 17

of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), the United States maintains a tariff-rate quota for imports of raw cane sugar and refined sugar. Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 8 to chapter 17 of the HTS, the United States maintains a tariff-rate quota for imports of sugar-containing products.

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a tariff-rate quota for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the United States Trade Representative under Presidential Proclamation 6763 (60 FR 1007).

On August 10, 2007, the Secretary of Agriculture announced the sugar program provisions for fiscal year (FY) 2008 (Oct. 1, 2007, through Sept. 30, 2008). The Secretary of Agriculture announced an in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for raw cane sugar for FY 2008 of 1,117,195 metric tons\* raw value, which is the minimum amount to which the United States is committed under the World Trade Organization (WTO) Uruguay Round Agreements. (USDA did not announce the establishment of any shipping patterns for the FY 2008 raw sugar tariff-rate quota.) USTR is allocating this quantity (1,117,195 metric tons\* raw value) to the following countries:

Country	FY 2008 Raw cane sugar allo- cations (metric tons raw value)
Argentina .....	45,281
Australia .....	87,402
Barbados .....	7,371
Belize .....	11,583
Bolivia .....	8,424
Brazil .....	152,691
Colombia .....	25,273
Congo .....	7,258
Costa Rica .....	15,796
Cote d'Ivoire .....	7,258
Dominican Republic .....	185,335
Ecuador .....	11,583
El Salvador .....	27,379
Fiji .....	9,477
Gabon .....	7,258
Guatemala .....	50,546
Guyana .....	12,636
Haiti .....	7,258
Honduras .....	10,530
India .....	8,424
Jamaica .....	11,583
Madagascar .....	7,258
Malawi .....	10,530
Mauritius .....	12,636
Mexico .....	7,258
Mozambique .....	13,690
Nicaragua .....	22,538
Panama .....	30,538
Papua New Guinea .....	7,258

Country	FY 2008 Raw cane sugar allo- cations (metric tons raw value)
Paraguay .....	7,258
Peru .....	43,175
Philippines .....	142,160
South Africa .....	24,220
St Kitts & Nevis .....	7,258
Swaziland .....	16,849
Taiwan .....	12,636
Thailand .....	14,743
Trinidad & Tobago .....	7,371
Uruguay .....	7,258
Zimbabwe .....	12,636

These allocations are based on the countries' historical shipments to the United States. The allocations of the raw cane sugar tariff-rate quota to countries that are net importers of sugar are conditioned on receipt of the appropriate verifications of origin, and certificates for quota eligibility must accompany imports from any country for which an allocation has been provided.

On August 10, 2007, the Secretary of Agriculture established the FY 2008 refined sugar tariff-rate quota at 85,503 metric tons raw value for which the sucrose content, by weight in the dry state, must have a polarimeter reading of 99.5 degrees or more. This amount includes the minimum level to which the United States is committed under the WTO Uruguay Round Agreement (22,000 metric tons raw value of which 1,656 metric tons raw value is specialty sugar) and an additional 63,503 metric tons raw value for specialty sugars. USTR is allocating a total of 10,300 metric tons raw value of refined sugar to Canada, 2,954 metric tons raw value of refined sugar to Mexico, and 7,090 metric tons raw value of refined sugar to be administered on a first-come, first-served basis. The 64,159 metric tons raw value specialty sugar TRQ, which includes the additional 63,503 metric tons raw value of specialty sugar and the specialty sugar allocation of 1,656 metric tons raw value included in the 22,000 metric tons raw value WTO minimum, will be administered on a first-come, first-served basis in five tranches. The first tranche of 1,656 metric tons raw value will open October 24, 2007. All types of specialty sugars are eligible for entry under this tranche. The second tranche of 22,544 metric tons raw value will open on November 15, 2007. The third, fourth, and fifth tranches of 13,653 metric tons raw value each will open on January 30, 2008; May 14, 2008 and August 27, 2008 respectively. The second, third, fourth and fifth tranches will be reserved for

<sup>3</sup> Copies of this Notice of Hearing were sent this date by Internet e-mail to counsel for: (1) AmerGen; (2) Citizens; (3) the NRC Staff; and (4) New Jersey.