technological realization. The complexity of the systems perspective includes the factors associated with its use in industry, society/environment, or the human body.

ERCs enable and foster excellent education, integrate research and education, speed knowledge/technology transfer through partnerships between academe and industry, and prepare a more competitive future workforce. ERCs capitalize on diversity through participation in center activities and demonstrate leadership in the involvement of groups underrepresented in science and engineering.

Centers will be required to submit annual reports on progress and plans, which will be used as a basis for performance review and determining the level of continued funding. To support this review and the management of a Center, ERCs will also be required to submit management and performance indicators annually to NSF via a data collection Web site that is managed by a technical assistance contractor. These indicators are both quantitative and descriptive and may include, for example, the characteristics of center personnel and students; sources of cash and in-kind support; expenditures by operational component; characteristics of industrial and/or other sector participation; research activities; education activities; knowledge transfer activities; patents, licenses; publications; degrees granted to students involved in Center activities; descriptions of significant advances and other outcomes of the ERC effort. Such reporting requirements will be included in the cooperative agreement which is binding between the academic institution and the NSF.

Each Center's annual report will address the following categories of activities: (1) Vision and impact, (2) strategic plan, (3) research program, (4) innovation ecosystem and industrial collaboration, (5) education, (6) infrastructure (leadership, management, facilities, diversity) and (7) budget issues.

For each of the categories the report will describe overall objectives for the year, progress toward center goals, problems the Center has encountered in making progress towards goals and how they were overcome, plans for the future and anticipated research and other barriers to overcome in the following year, and specific outputs and outcomes.

Use of the Information: The data collected will be used for NSF internal reports, historical data, performance review by peer site visit teams, program level studies and evaluations, and for securing future funding for continued ERC program maintenance and growth.

Estimate of Burden: 100 hours per center for 17 centers for a total of 1700 hours.

Respondents: Academic institutions.

Estimated Number of Responses per Report: One from each of the 17 ERCs.

Dated: February 10, 2012.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2012–0037]

WORKSHOP Sponsored by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Electric Power Research Institute on the Treatment of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Uncertainties: Public Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES), in cooperation with the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), will hold a joint workshop on the Treatment of Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Uncertainties. Since 2002, RES and EPRI, under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Cooperative Nuclear Safety Research, have been developing state-of-the-art methods for conduct of PRA.

The purpose of the workshop is to bring together experts to gain a better understanding of the sources of uncertainty, how they manifest in the PRA, and their potential significance to the PRA model and results. More specifically, the workshop will address uncertainties associated with risk assessments for internal fires, seismic events, low power and shutdown (LPSD) conditions, and for the Level 2 portion of PRAs.

DATES: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 (8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.);

Thursday, March 1, 2012 (8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.)

ADDRESSES: The Legacy Hotel & Meeting Centre; 1775 Rockville Pike; Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Meeting Agenda: The agenda for this meeting can be accessed at *http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm.*

Because of limited available space, attendees are asked to pre-register (there is not a registration fee) as soon as possible. There will be the ability to call-in to the workshop. Please contact Matt Dennis, Sandia National Laboratories, at 505–284–0781, email: *mldenni@sandia.gov* to register and to obtain the call-in phone line number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary T. Drouin, Sr. Program Manager, Performance and Reliability Branch, Division of Risk Analysis, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Tel: 301–251–7574, Email: *Mary.Drouin@nrc.gov.*

Conduct of the Meeting

This meeting is a Category 3 meeting.* The public is invited to participate in this meeting by providing comments and asking questions throughout the meeting. Please note this workshop is being conducted in a classroom format; registration is required to ensure space availability.

The NRC provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this workshop, or need the workshop notice or agenda in another format (e.g., Braille, large print), please notify the NRC is meeting contact. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of February, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Kevin A. Coyne,

Branch Chief, Probability Probabilistic Risk Assessment Branch, Division of Risk Analysis, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2010–0355]

USEC Inc. (American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility and American Centrifuge Plant); Direct Transfer of Licenses

In the Matter of USEC INC. (American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility and American Centrifuge Plant); Order EA–12–

* Meetings between the NRC technical staff and external stakeholders are open for interested members of the public, petitioners, interveners, or other parties to attend as observers pursuant to Commission policy statement, ''Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings,'' (67 FR 36920; May 28, 2002).

027, Docket Nos. 70–7003, 70–7004, License Nos. SNM–7003, SNM–2011

Order Extending the Date by Which the Direct Transfer of Licenses Is To Be Completed

I

USEC Inc., (USEC) is the holder of materials licenses SNM–7003 and SNM–2011 for the American Centrifuge Lead Cascade Facility (Lead Cascade) and American Centrifuge Plant (ACP), respectively, which authorize the licensee to: (1) Possess and use source and special nuclear material at the Lead Cascade at the former Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant site in Piketon, Ohio, in accordance with materials license number SNM–7003; and (2) construct and operate a gas centrifuge uranium enrichment facility (the ACP) at the former Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant site in Piketon, Ohio, in accordance with materials license number SNM–2011.

II

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Order EA–11–013, dated February 10, 2011, approved the direct transfer of the licenses of the above facilities from USEC to the limited liability company American Centrifuge Operating, LLC (ACO), pursuant to Sections 161(b), 161(i), 161(o) and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act, as amended; 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234; and Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 30.34(b), 10 CFR 40.46, ''Inalienability of Licenses,'' and 10 CFR 70.36, ''Inalienability of Licenses.'' By Order EA–11–180, dated August 8, 2011, the NRC approved an extension to Order EA–11–013 until February 9, 2012. By their terms, both orders will become null and void if the license transfers are not completed by February 9, 2012. However, both the February 10, 2011, and the August 9, 2011, Orders further state that upon written application and for good cause shown, the implementation period for the license transfers may be extended by further Order.

III

By letter dated January 6, 2012, and supplemented by letter dated January 27, 2012, USEC submitted a request to extend the date by which the license transfers must be completed from February 9, 2012, to February 8, 2013. USEC stated that Condition 3 of Order EA–11–013 will be satisfied following completion of actions with the DOE, without any linkage to the loan guarantee. In its January 27, 2012, letter, USEC stated that due to uncertainty, it appears that the date for completion of activities associated with the sub-lease will extend beyond May 18, 2012. Accordingly, USEC stated that it will not be able to fully implement the conditions in Order EA–11–013 by February 9, 2012, and is requesting a second extension to Order EA–11–013.

USEC states that there have been no changes in the information and technical and financial qualifications presented in its September 10, 2010, request to transfer the licenses (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML102660371). The NRC staff notes that its basis for approving the transfers of USEC's licenses for the Lead Cascade and the ACP from USEC to ACO is documented in its safety evaluation report (SER, ADAMS Accession No. ML103630748) supporting the February 10, 2011, Order.

The NRC staff reviewed the information provided by USEC in its September 10, 2010, transfer of licenses request, the information provided in its July 22, 2011, first extension request (ADAMS Accession No. ML11210B497), and supplemental electronic communication dated August 1, 2011 (ADAMS Accession No. ML11213A282), and the information provided in its January 6, 2012, second extension request, and supplemental letter dated January 27, 2012. Based on this review of the information provided by USEC, the NRC staff concludes that the basis for originally approving the transfers of USEC's licenses for the Lead Cascade and the ACP from USEC to ACO remains valid. The NRC staff evaluated the January 6, 2012, submittal and the January 27, 2012, supplemental letter and determined that USEC has shown good cause to extend the implementation period of Order EA–11–013 a second time and, therefore, the implementation date for Order EA–11–013 should be extended to February 8, 2013, the date by which the transfer of licenses must be completed.

IV

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, and 184 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2201(b), 2201(i), and 2234; and 10 CFR 30.34(b), 10 CFR 40.46, ''Inalienability of Licenses,'' and 10 CFR 70.36, ''Inalienability of Licenses,'' *It Is Hereby Ordered* that the date by which the license transfers described above must be completed is extended to February 8, 2013. If the proposed direct transfer of licenses is not completed by February 8, 2013, this Order and the February 10, 2011, Order shall become null and void. However, upon written application and for good cause shown, the February 8, 2013, date may be extended by further Order.

This Order is effective upon issuance. The Order of February 10, 2011, as modified by the August 8, 2011, Order and this Order, remains in full force and effect.

For further details with respect to this Order, see the submittal dated January 6, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML11210B497), the supplemental letter dated January 27, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12032A279), and the SER documenting NRC's staff evaluation of USEC's submittal dated February 8, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12027A034), which may be examined—and/or copied for a fee—at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (First Floor), Rockville, MD 20852; and accessible online in the NRC Library at *http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html.*

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of February 2012.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Catherine Haney,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated; Order Approving Proposed Rule Change Relating to Its Automated Improvement Mechanism

February 10, 2012.

On December 14, 2011, the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (''Exchange'') filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (''Commission''), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (''Act'')[1] and Rule 19b–4 thereunder,[2] a proposed rule change to amend CBOE Rule 6.74A, which relates to the Exchange's Automated Improvement Mechanism (''AIM''). The proposal would permit a Trading Permit Holder (''TPH''), when submitting an agency order to AIM to initiate an

[1] 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

[2] 17 CFR 240.19b–4.