

Departures,” of 10 CFR part 52, appendix D, allows the licensee to depart from the Tier 1 information. With the requested amendment, SNC sought proposed changes to Updated Final Safety Analysis Report Tier 2 information. The proposed amendment also involves related changes to plant-specific Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to the associated COL Appendix C information. Specifically, the licensee requested changes to reflect revisions in the routing of Class 1E cables associated with the passive containment cooling system. Additionally, related consistency revisions in the safe shutdown evaluation divisional separation information are proposed.

Part of the justification for granting the exemption was provided by the review of the amendment. Because the exemption is necessary in order to issue the requested license amendment, the NRC granted the exemption and issued the amendment concurrently, rather than in sequence. This included issuing a combined safety evaluation containing the NRC staff's review of both the exemption request and the license amendment. The exemption met all applicable regulatory criteria set forth in §§ 50.12, 52.7, and section VIII.A.4 of appendix D to 10 CFR part 52. The license amendment was found to be acceptable as well. The combined safety evaluation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19113A261.

Identical exemption documents (except for referenced unit numbers and license numbers) were issued to SNC for VEGP Units 3 and 4 (COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92). The exemption documents for VEGP Units 3 and 4 can be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML19113A259 and ML19113A260, respectively. The exemption is reproduced (with the exception of abbreviated titles and additional citations) in Section II of this document. The amendment documents for COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML19113A255 and ML19113A257, respectively. A summary of the amendment documents is provided in Section III of this document.

## II. Exemption

Reproduced below is the exemption document issued to VEGP Units 3 and Unit 4. It makes reference to the combined safety evaluation that provides the reasoning for the findings made by the NRC (and listed under Item 1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated November 16, 2018, and supplemented January 24, 2019, SNC requested from the

Commission an exemption to allow departures from Tier 1 information in the certified DCD incorporated by reference in 10 CFR part 52, appendix D, as part of license amendment request 18-028, “Routing of Class 1E Division Cables Supporting Passive Containment Cooling.”

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.2 of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation, which can be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19113A261, the Commission finds that:

A. The exemption is authorized by law;

B. the exemption presents no undue risk to public health and safety;

C. the exemption is consistent with the common defense and security;

D. special circumstances are present in that the application of the rule in this circumstance is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule;

E. the special circumstances outweigh any decrease in safety that may result from the reduction in standardization caused by the exemption; and

F. the exemption will not result in a significant decrease in the level of safety otherwise provided by the design.

2. Accordingly, SNC is granted an exemption from the certified DCD Tier 1 information, with corresponding information in COL Appendix C of the Facility Combined License as described in the licensee's request dated November 16, 2018, and supplemented January 24, 2019. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of License Amendment Nos. 161 and 159 which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

3. As explained in Section 5.0 of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation (ADAMS Accession No. ML19113A261), this exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the exemption.

4. This exemption is effective as of the date of its issuance.

## III. License Amendment Request

By letter dated November 16, 2018, and supplemented by letter dated January 24, 2019, (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML18320A225 and ML19024A179). SNC requested that the NRC amend the COLs for VEGP, Units 3 and 4, COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92. The proposed amendment is described in Section I of this document.

The Commission has determined for these amendments that the application complies with the standards and

requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to facility operating license or COL, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the **Federal Register** on January 2, 2019 (84 FR 20). No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

The Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

## IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemption and issued the amendment that SNC requested on November 16, 2018, and supplemented January 24, 2019.

The exemption and amendment were issued to SNC on May 20, 2019, as part of a combined package (ADAMS Accession No. ML19113A253).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of June 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** Weeks of June 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 2019.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

**Week of June 17, 2019**

*Tuesday, June 18, 2019*

10:00 a.m.—Briefing on Human Capital and Equal Employment

Opportunity (Public Meeting)  
(Contact: Jason Lising; 301–287–  
0569)

This meeting will be webcast live at  
the web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.  
*Thursday, June 20, 2019*

10:00 a.m. Briefing on Results of the  
Agency Action Review Meeting  
(Public Meeting) (Contact: Andrea  
Mayer: 301–415–1081)

This meeting will be webcast live at  
the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

#### **Week of June 24, 2019—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for  
the week of June 24, 2019.

#### **Week of July 1, 2019—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for  
the week of July 1, 2019.

#### **Week of July 8, 2019—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for  
the week of July 8, 2019.

#### **Week of July 15, 2019—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for  
the week of July 15, 2019.

#### **Week of July 22, 2019—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for  
the week of July 22, 2019.

#### **CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

For more information or to verify the  
status of meetings, contact Denise  
McGovern at 301–415–0681 or via email  
at [Denise.McGovern@nrc.gov](mailto:Denise.McGovern@nrc.gov). The  
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Schedule can be found on the internet  
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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day  
of June 2019.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Denise L. McGovern,**  
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## **OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

### **January 2019 Pay Schedules**

**AGENCY:** Office of Personnel  
Management.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The President adjusted the  
rates of basic pay and locality payments  
for certain Federal civilian employees  
effective in January 2019. This notice  
serves as documentation for the public  
record.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Services, Office of Personnel  
Management; (202) 606–4194 or [pay-  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On  
December 28, 2018, the President signed  
Executive Order (E.O.) 13856 (84 FR 65),  
which provided that the 2019 pay rates  
for civilian employee pay schedules  
covered by the order remain at 2018  
levels. On March 28, 2019, the President  
signed E.O. 13866 (84 FR 12853), which  
implemented a retroactive pay  
adjustment required by the  
Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019  
(Pub. L. 116–6, February 15, 2019). E.O.  
13866 provides an overall average pay  
increase of 1.9 percent for the statutory  
pay systems. The pay rates in E.O.  
13856 have been superseded.

The publication of this notice satisfies  
the requirement in Section 5(b) of E.O.  
13866 that the Office of Personnel  
Management (OPM) publish appropriate  
notice of the 2019 locality payments in  
the **Federal Register**.

Schedule 1 of E.O. 13866 provides the  
rates for the 2019 General Schedule (GS)  
and reflects a 1.4 percent increase from  
2018. Executive Order 13866 also  
includes the percentage amounts of the  
2019 locality payments. (See Section 5  
and Schedule 9 of Executive Order  
13866.)

General Schedule employees receive  
locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304.  
Locality payments apply in the United  
States (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5921(4))  
and its territories and possessions. In  
2019, locality payments ranging from  
15.67 percent to 40.35 percent apply to  
GS employees in the 53 locality pay  
areas. The 2019 locality pay area

definitions can be found at: [https://  
www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/  
pay-leave/salaries-wages/2019/locality-  
pay-area-definitions/](https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/salaries-wages/2019/locality-pay-area-definitions/).

The 2019 locality pay percentages  
became effective the first day of the first  
pay period beginning on or after January  
1, 2019 (January 6, 2019). An  
employee's locality rate of pay is  
computed by increasing his or her  
scheduled annual rate of pay (as defined  
in 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable  
locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR  
531.604 and 531.609.)

Executive Order 13866 establishes the  
new Executive Schedule (EX), which  
incorporates a 1.4 percent increase  
required under 5 U.S.C. 5318 (rounded  
to the nearest \$100). By law, Executive  
Schedule officials are not authorized to  
receive locality payments.

Executive Order 13866 establishes the  
2019 range of rates of basic pay for  
members of the Senior Executive  
Service (SES) under 5 U.S.C. 5382. The  
minimum rate of basic pay for the SES  
is \$127,914 in 2019. The maximum rate  
of the SES rate range is \$192,300 (level  
II of the Executive Schedule) for SES  
members who are covered by a certified  
SES performance appraisal system and  
\$176,900 (level III of the Executive  
Schedule) for SES members who are not  
covered by a certified SES performance  
appraisal system.

The minimum rate of basic pay for the  
senior-level (SL) and scientific and  
professional (ST) rate range was  
increased by 1.4 percent (\$127,914 in  
2019), which is the amount of the  
across-the-board GS increase. The  
applicable maximum rate of the SL/ST  
rate range is \$192,300 (level II of the  
Executive Schedule) for SL or ST  
employees who are covered by a  
certified SL/ST performance appraisal  
system and \$176,900 (level III of the  
Executive Schedule) for SL or ST  
employees who are not covered by a  
certified SL/ST performance appraisal  
system. Agencies with certified  
performance appraisal systems for SES  
members and employees in SL and ST  
positions must also apply a higher  
aggregate limitation on pay—up to the  
Vice President's salary (\$246,900 in  
2019.)

Note that Section 749 of division D of  
the Consolidated Appropriations Act,  
2019, continues a pay freeze for certain  
senior political officials, except that it  
allows for an increase of up to 1.9  
percent in the preexisting payable  
(frozen) rate for covered officials. The  
section 749 pay freeze extends through  
the last day of the last pay period that  
begins in calendar year 2019 (i.e.,  
January 4, 2020, for those on the  
standard biweekly payroll cycle). Future