

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

Agenda: To hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them.

Dated: March 15, 2006.

Susanne E. Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Polar Programs; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs (1130).

Date/Time: May 18, 2006, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 19, 2006, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Sue LaFratta, Office of Polar Programs (OPP), National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230 (703) 292-8030.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person list above.

Purpose of Meeting: To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs, and activities of the polar research community, to provide advice to the Director of OPP on issues related to long-range planning.

Agenda: Staff presentations on program updates; discussions on International Polar Year; discussions on resupply.

Dated: March 14, 2006.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-250 and 50-251]

Florida Power and Light Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Florida Power and Light Company (the licensee) to withdraw its March 22, 2005, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-31 and DPR-41 for the Turkey Point Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 3 and 4, located in Miami-Dade County, Florida.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications pertaining to the Reactor Protection System functional units. Specifically, the steam/feedwater flow mismatch coincident with steam generator water level—low reactor trip would be deleted, the reactor trip on turbine trip interlock would be changed from P-7 to P-8, and the value of the P-8 interlock setpoint would be changed from 45 percent rated thermal power (RTP) to 40 percent RTP.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on May 10, 2005 (70 FR 24651). However, by letter dated January 25, 2006, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated March 22, 2005, and the licensee's letter dated January 25, 2006, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area 01 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. 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 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of February 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brendan T. Moroney,

Project Manager, Plant Licensing Branch II-2, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Federal Register Notice

Date: Week of March 13, 2006.

Place: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

Status: Public and Closed.

Additional Matters to be Considered

Week of March 13, 2006

Friday, March 17, 2006

9 a.m.—Briefing by Executive Branch (closed—ex. 1).

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Addition Information: By a vote of 5-0 on March 13 and 14, 2006, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Briefing by Executive Branch (closed—ex. 1)" be held March 17, 2006, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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Dated: March 14, 2006.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Availability of Draft Interim Staff Guidance Document for Fuel Cycle Facilities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Commission, Washington, DC 20005-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-6459; fax number: (301) 415-5370; e-mail: jas4@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) continues to prepare and issue Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) documents for fuel cycle facilities. These ISG documents provide clarifying guidance to the NRC staff when reviewing licensee integrated safety analysis, license applications or amendment requests or other related licensing activities for fuel cycle facilities under 10 CFR part 70.

II. Summary

The purpose of this notice is to provide the public an opportunity to review a draft ISG, FCSS-ISG-10, Revision 2, which provides guidance to NRC staff to determine whether the minimum margin of subcriticality is sufficient to provide an adequate assurance of subcriticality for safety to demonstrate compliance with the performance requirements of 10 CFR 70.61(d). Additionally, listing of comments received on the previous

draft and the dispositioning of these comments is also provided. These documents are being issued to support a public meeting scheduled for April 28, 2006, at the NRC Headquarters Auditorium in which the NRC will discuss revision of the guidance document and its resolution of comments received on Revision 1. A separate meeting notice will be provided shortly, to give specific details regarding the meeting agenda.

III. Further Information

The documents related to this action are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS ascension numbers for the documents related to this notice are provided in the following table. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Interim staff guidance	ADAMS accession No.
Draft FCSS Interim Staff Guidance—10, Revision 2	ML060260479
Comments on Draft FCSS ISG-10, Rev. 1 and Resolution	ML060470150

This document may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 7th day of March 2006.

Melanie A. Galloway,

Chief, Technical Support Group, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

Draft FCSS Interim Staff Guidance—10, Revision 2

Justification for Minimum Margin of Subcriticality for Safety

Prepared by Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

Issue

Technical justification for the selection of the minimum margin of subcriticality for safety for fuel cycle facilities, as required by 10 CFR 70.61(d)

Introduction

10 CFR 70.61(d) requires, in part, that licensees or applicants (henceforth to be referred to as "licensees") demonstrate that "under normal and credible abnormal conditions, all nuclear processes are subcritical, including use of an approved margin of subcriticality for safety." There are a variety of methods that may be used to demonstrate subcriticality, including use of industry standards, handbooks, hand calculations, and computer methods. Subcriticality is assured, in part, by providing margin between actual conditions and expected critical conditions. This interim staff guidance (ISG), however, applies only to margin used in those methods that rely on calculation of k_{eff} , including deterministic and probabilistic computer methods. The use of other methods (e.g., use of endorsed industry standards, widely accepted handbooks, certain hand calculations), containing varying amounts of margin, is outside the scope of this ISG.

For methods relying on calculation of k_{eff} , margin may be provided either in terms of limits on physical parameters of the system (of which k_{eff} is a function), or in terms of limits on k_{eff} directly, or both. For the purposes of this ISG, the term margin of safety will be used to refer to the margin to criticality in terms of system parameters, and the term margin of subcriticality (MoS) will refer to the margin to criticality in terms of k_{eff} . A common approach to ensuring subcriticality is to determine a maximum k_{eff} limit below which the licensee's calculations must fall. This limit will be referred to in this ISG as the *Upper Subcritical Limit* (USL). Licensees using calculational methods perform validation studies, in which critical experiments similar to actual or anticipated facility applications are chosen and then analyzed to determine the bias and uncertainty in the bias. The bias is a measure of the systematic differences between calculational method results and experimental data. The uncertainty in the bias is a measure