

participate fully in the conduct of the hearing.

If a hearing is requested, 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 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.

Nontimely requests and/or petitions and contentions will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission or the presiding officer of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition, request and/or the contentions should be granted based on a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i)–(viii).

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed by: (1) First class mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, *Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff*; (2) courier, express mail, and expedited delivery services: Office of the Secretary, Sixteenth Floor, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, *Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff*; (3) E-mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, HEARINGDOCKET@NRC.GOV; or (4) facsimile transmission addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, *Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff* at (301) 415–1101, verification number is (301) 415–1966. A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, and it is requested that copies be transmitted either by means of facsimile transmission to 301–415–3725 or by e-mail to OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov. A copy of the request for hearing and petition

for leave to intervene should also be sent to Travis C. McCullough, Assistant General Counsel, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., 400 Hamilton Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 27, 2006, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, File Public Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly-available records will be accessible from the 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, 301–415–4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of February 2007.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Availability of Draft Interim Staff Guidance Document Hlwsr–IsG–03, “Preclosure Safety Analysis—Dose Performance Objectives and Radiation Protection Program”

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Jon Chen, Project Manager, Project Management Branch B, Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, *Telephone:* (301) 415–5526; *fax number:* (301) 415–5399; *e-mail:* jcc2@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The Yucca Mountain Review Plan (YMRP) (July 2003, NUREG–1804, Revision 2) provides guidance for U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Division of High-Level Waste Repository Safety (HLWRS) staff to evaluate a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) license application for a geologic repository. NRC has prepared Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) to provide clarifications or refinements to the guidance provided in the YMRP. NRC is soliciting public comments on Draft HLWRS–ISG–03, which will be considered in the final version, or subsequent revisions, to HLWRS–ISG–03.

II. Summary

The purpose of this notice is to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on draft HLWRS–ISG–03, which is to supplement the YMRP, for the NRC staff review of consequence estimates for the preclosure safety analysis, and the associated radiation protection program that will be implemented by DOE during geologic repository operations area operations.

This ISG revises Sections 2.1.1.5 and 2.1.1.8 of the YMRP. A sufficient description of the radiation protection program and adequate technical bases for consequence estimates are needed to demonstrate compliance with the performance objectives in *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), Title 10, Part 63 (10 CFR Part 63), and radiation protection requirements of 10 CFR Part 20.

III. Further Information

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

ISG	ADAMS accession number
Draft HLWRS–ISG–03, “Preclosure Safety Analysis—Dose Performance Objectives and Radiation Protection Program”.	ML070230090.

These documents may also be viewed electronically, on the public computers located at NRC's PDR, O-1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents, for a fee. Comments and questions on draft HLWRS-ISG-03 should be directed to the NRC contact listed below by April 6, 2007. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Contact: Sheena Whaley, Nuclear Engineer, Technical Review Directorate, High-Level Waste Repository Safety Division of the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments can also be submitted by telephone, fax, or e-mail, which are as follows: *telephone:* (301) 415-7965; *fax number:* (301) 415-5399; or *e-mail:* saw2@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 9th day of February 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; American Stock Exchange LLC; Order Granting Approval to Proposed Rule Change and Amendment No. 1 Thereto To Amend Rules 918 and 918-ANTE Regarding Trading Rotations, Halts and Suspensions

February 12, 2007.

I. Introduction

On August 16, 2006, the American Stock Exchange LLC ("Amex" or "Exchange") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") the proposed rule change to amend Amex Rules 918 and 918-ANTE relating to trading rotations and trading halts. On December 5, 2006, Amex filed Amendment No. 1 to the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change, as modified by Amendment No. 1, was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on December 29,

2006.¹ The Commission received no comments regarding the proposal. This order approves the proposed rule change as modified by Amendment No. 1.

II. Discussion and Commission Findings

The Exchange proposes to amend Amex Rules 918 and 918-ANTE relating to trading rotations and trading halts. Specifically, Amex Rules 918(a) and 918-ANTE(a) currently provide that a trading rotation shall be employed at the opening of each business day following the opening of the underlying security in the primary market. Amex Rules 918(b) and 918-ANTE(b) provide that trading on any Exchange option contract may be halted or suspended whenever the Exchange deems such action appropriate. Included in these rules is a list of factors that the Exchange may use to determine if a trading halt or suspension is warranted. Pursuant to Amex Rules 918(b)(1) and 918-ANTE(b)(1), the Exchange may halt or suspend trading in an option contract if the underlying security has been halted or suspended in the primary market. Similarly, the Exchange may also consider, pursuant to Amex Rules 918(b)(2) and 918-ANTE(b)(2), halting or suspending trading in an option contract if the opening of such underlying stock in the primary market has been delayed due to unusual circumstances.

"Primary market" is defined in Amex Rules 900(b)(26) and 900-ANTE(b)(26) as (i) With respect to an underlying equity security which is principally traded on a national securities exchange, the principal exchange market in which the underlying security is traded, (ii) with respect to an underlying equity security which is principally traded in the over-the-counter market, the market reflected by Nasdaq,² and (iii) with respect to any other type of security, the market reflected by any widely recognized quotation dissemination system.

The Exchange proposes to amend Amex Rules 918(a)(1) and Amex Rule 918-ANTE(a)(1) to permit the opening rotation to begin once the underlying security has opened for trading in any market. In addition, Amex proposes to amend Amex Rule 918-ANTE Commentary .01(d) to provide that the automated opening rotation shall begin

once the opening trade or quote is disseminated by any market. Amex proposes to amend Amex Rules 918(b)(1) and 918-ANTE(b)(1) to implement trading halts and suspensions in any options contract if the underlying security is subject to a trading halt or suspension across several markets or in the primary listed market. Amex also proposes to amend Amex Rules 918(b)(2) and 918-ANTE(b)(2) to institute trading halts and suspensions in any options contract if there is a delay in the opening of the underlying security across several markets or in the primary listed market because of unusual circumstances. Additionally, the Exchange proposes to amend Amex Rules 918 Commentary .01(c) and 918-ANTE Commentary .01(g) to permit the closing rotation to begin once the final price for the underlying security is established in the trading markets and/or the primary listed market. Finally, the Exchange proposes to make clarifying changes to Amex Rules 918 and 918-ANTE to clarify that trading rotations, halts and suspensions apply to any options on a stock, exchange traded fund and trust issued receipt.

The Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national securities exchange and, in particular, the requirements of Section 6(b)(5) of the Act,³ which requires, among other things, Amex's rules be designed to prevent fraudulent and manipulative acts and practices, to promote just and equitable principles of trade, to foster cooperation and coordination with persons engaged in regulating, clearing, settling, processing information with respect to, and facilitating transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system.⁴

Amex represented that the analysis of which market is the "primary market" for purposes of trading rotations and halts has become burdensome and uncertain due to trading of underlying securities in multiple markets. The Commission believes that the proposed rule change will provide Amex with flexibility to determine when to permit opening and closing rotations to begin by removing the requirement that it analyze which market is the primary market. As proposed, Amex may

¹ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 54995 (December 21, 2006), 71 FR 78474.

² The Commission notes that Nasdaq currently operates as a national securities exchange with respect to Nasdaq-listed securities and as a facility of the NASD with respect to non-Nasdaq exchange listed securities.

³ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁴ In approving this proposed rule change the Commission notes that it has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. See 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).