

### *Alternative Use of Resources*

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the "Final Environmental Statement Relating to the Operation of Duane Arnold Energy Center," dated March 1973.

### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, the NRC staff consulted with the Iowa State official, Mr. D. Fleeter of the Department of Public Health, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the application dated June 14, 2000. Documents 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, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of January 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Notice of Public Meeting to Solicit Stakeholder Input on the Use of Risk Information in the Nuclear Materials Regulatory Process: Case Studies on Gas Chromatographs, Static Eliminators and Fixed Gauges**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is developing an approach for using risk information in the nuclear materials and waste

regulatory process. As part of this effort, the NRC staff is conducting case studies on a spectrum of activities in the nuclear materials and waste arenas, including the regulation of gas chromatographs, fixed gauges, and static eliminators. The purpose of the case studies is to illustrate what has been done and what could be done in the materials and waste arenas to alter the regulatory approach in a risk-informed manner, and to establish a framework for using a risk-informed approach in the materials and waste arenas by testing a set of draft screening criteria, and determining the feasibility of safety goals.

NRC staff is in the initial phase of the case studies on gas chromatographs, fixed gauges, and static eliminators. The purpose of this meeting is to: (1) Communicate to stakeholders the status of these case studies; (2) receive feedback and comments from stakeholders before continuing with the case studies; and (3) solicit from stakeholders comments or insights regarding the use of risk information in the NRC's regulation of gas chromatographs, fixed gauges, and static eliminators. The tentative agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Opening remarks.
2. Provide background information and general discussion on case studies.
3. Present status of case study on gas chromatographs and receive feedback and comments from meeting attendees.
4. Present status of case study on static eliminators and receive feedback and comments from meeting attendees.
5. Present status of case study on fixed gauges and receive feedback and comments from meeting attendees.
6. Receive general comments, feedback, and insights from meeting attendees with regard to the case studies and to using risk information in the NRC's regulation of gas chromatographs, fixed gauges, and static eliminators.
7. Closing remarks.

The meeting is open to the public; all interested parties may attend and provide comments. Persons who wish to attend the meeting should contact Marissa Bailey no later than January 29, 2001.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 9, 2001, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Auditorium, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marissa Bailey, Mail Stop T-8-A-23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-7648; Internet: MGB@NRC.GOV.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NRC staff's case study approach, the draft screening criteria, and the case study areas under consideration are described in the "Plan for Using Risk Information in the Materials and Waste Arenas: Case Studies" which has been published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 66782, November 7, 2000). Copies of this plan are also available on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/NMSS/IMNS/riskassessment.html>. Written requests for single copies of this plan may also be submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, Risk Task Group, Mail Stop T-8-A-23, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 4th day of January, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations**

#### **I. Background**

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from December 18, 2000, through December 29, 2000. The last biweekly notice was published on December 27, 2000 (65 FR 81907).