

resources previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement related to the SONGS Nuclear Generating Station.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

In accordance with its stated policy, on January 25, 2002, the NRC staff consulted with the California State official, Mr. Steve Hsu, of the Radiologic Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed actions. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed actions 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 actions.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated March 21, 2001, as supplemented by letter dated January 11, 2002. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland.

Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (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 11th day of February 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John B. Hickman,

Acting Chief, Section 2, Project Directorate IV, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Applications for Licenses To Import/Export Class A Radioactive Mixed Waste

Pursuant to 10 CFR 110.70(b)(4) and (c) "Public notice of receipt of an

application", please take notice that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received the following applications for licenses to import and export Class A radioactive mixed waste. Copies of the applications are available electronically through ADAMS and can be accessed through the Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>, at the NRC Homepage.

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene may be filed within 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Any request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene shall be served by the requestor or petitioner upon the applicant, the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; and the Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

The information concerning the applications follows.

NRC IMPORT LICENSE APPLICATION AND NRC EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION

Name of applicant, date of applicant, date received, application number	Description of material			Country of origin
	Material type	Total qty	End use	
Diversified Scientific Services January 18, 2002 January 22, 2002 IW012	Class A radioactive mixed waste in various forms including semi-solids, solids, and liquids..	15,000,000 kg containing 2000 curies tritium, carbon-14, & mixed fission product radionuclides and other contaminants..	For thermal destruction & return to Canada..	Canada.
Diversified Scientific Services January 18, 2002 January 22, 2002 XW008	Class A radioactive mixed waste in the form of baghouse salts and ash; and, if necessary, return of any non-conforming Class A radioactive mixed waste..	15,000 liters containing 30 curies tritium, carbon-14, & mixed fission product radionuclides and other contaminants. Quantity includes non-conforming waste, to be returned as required..	Return of waste after processing. Return of non-conforming waste..	Canada.

For the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of February 2002.

Janice Dunn Lee,

Director, Office of International Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Call for Identification of Proposed Anticipatory Research Projects

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research is seeking recommendations for anticipatory research from all stakeholders that will

help the agency prepare for the challenges and regulatory issues it may face in the future. A Call for Identification of Proposed Anticipatory Research Projects is presented below. Please provide comments to Dr. James W. Johnson, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by e-mail to jwj@nrc.gov by June 1, 2002.

Call for Identification of Proposed Anticipatory Research Projects

NRC research is performed in order to meet a known or anticipated regulatory need. There are two subcategories of research that require separate consideration: confirmatory research and anticipatory research. Confirmatory research assists the agency in responding to license applications that are now before the agency or that are anticipated to come before the agency in the future—usually in the near future. This type of research supports the NRC's regulatory activities and is usually conducted at the request of the offices that are directly responsible for regulatory oversight—the Offices of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards.

The NRC also conducts research programs that are more forward looking, research related to evolving technologies or issues that may become important regulatory concerns in the future. Some of this work may also be confirmatory in nature, providing independent assessment of information developed by the nuclear industry, but much of it is what we refer to as "anticipatory" research. These types of programs may not have been requested by our regulatory offices. Rather, this work arises from the examination of industry trends and an effort to try to foresee where the NRC may need information to respond to future regulatory issues. If we wait until these potential issues become actual regulatory concerns, it may be too late to develop the technical information to respond to them in a timely fashion. Examples of anticipatory research that have been highly valuable to the agency include probabilistic risk analysis methods and applications, severe accident source term research, and the evaluation of the effects of aging on plant components.

The Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research is seeking recommendations or proposals for anticipatory research both within NRC and from external stakeholders that will help NRC prepare for current challenges and regulatory issues anticipated in the future. The submittal should describe the proposed research and focus on the potential use of the research results in current or future regulatory activities.

The NRC is facing many profound challenges. They were discussed in a presentation by Chairman Meserve at the 2001 Working conference of the American Nuclear Society in August (available on the web at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/speeches/2001/>

[s01-020.html](http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/speeches/2001/s01-020.html)) and are summarized below:

- Establish the infrastructure for future licensing and new construction, possibly involving new designs.
- The technical basis needed to support the NRC's regulatory activities in dealing with new reactor technologies and new policy issues must be developed. (This could include fuel performance, behavior of materials at high temperature, and graphite technology, for example)
- Evaluation of new technological approaches to instrumentation and control and to the human-machine interface
 - Reform the regulatory structure, moving to a risk-informed and performance-based paradigm.
- Continue to reform the reactor oversight process
- Develop the bases for additional regulatory improvement
- Develop a risk-informed regulatory approach, with associated acceptance criteria, for new reactor concepts being considered by the industry
 - Re-licensing of existing plants.
- Consideration of aging issues to determine if further research is needed
- Considerations arising from the Sept. 11 tragedy
 - Disposition of spent nuclear fuel.
- Spent fuel pool
- Independent storage on-site
- Long-term storage
 - Maintaining NRC's core competence.
- Staff training and education

At the Nuclear Safety Research Conference, Chairman Meserve spoke on enhancing the NRC's capacity to meet new regulatory challenges and focused on the need to maintain the research infrastructure—the need for technical personnel, experimental facilities, and analytical tools to help provide the technical foundation for regulation. The speech is available on the web at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/commission/speeches/2001/s01-026.html>.

We also solicit your comments on the factors that should be considered when anticipatory research topics are prioritized, both among themselves, and in competition with confirmatory research responding to a stated need of one or the other program offices.

To permit these new topics to be considered in developing future plans, your recommendations should be submitted to Dr. James W. Johnson, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, MS T-

10-F-12, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, no later than June 1, 2002. Comments also may be submitted by e-mail to jwj@nrc.gov.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent to: Dr. James W. Johnson, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, MS T-10 F-12, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Comments may be hand delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. James W. Johnson, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, MS T-10 F-12, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-6802.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of February, 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ashok C. Thadani,
Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards

Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on March 6, 2002, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, March 6, 2002—9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. The purpose of this meeting is to gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the