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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Radionuclide Transport in the Environment: Draft Research Program Plan

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research is preparing a research program plan on radionuclide transport in the environment and is seeking public comments on the plan. The radionuclide transport research program is intended to provide data and computational tools to assess the effect on public health and safety and the environment from nuclear materials that may enter the environment from NRC-licensed activities. The technical issues examined include source-term characterization; the effectiveness of engineered and natural containment systems surrounding the radioactive material; multi-phase flow of water, including episodic infiltration, into and through the environment; the transport of radioactive material through the geosphere; the transport of radioactive material through the biosphere; and estimating exposures of members of the public to radiation from these materials. Results from the radionuclide transport research program are intended to be generically applicable to NRC licensing activities including the decommissioning of facilities, disposal of uranium mill tailings, low-level radioactive waste disposal, and high-level radioactive waste disposal. This plan will present the basis for the radionuclide transport research program, describe the key elements of the program, describe how research priorities are set, and present a list of proposed research projects.

Solicitation of Comments: The NRC seeks comments on the plan and is especially interested in comments on the research topics proposed in Chapter

5. Suggestions for new research not specified in Chapter 5 are welcome.

Comment Period: The NRC will consider all written comments received before November 30, 2001. Comments received after November 30, 2001, will be considered if time permits. Comments should be addressed to the contact listed below.

Availability: An electronic version of the plan is available in Adobe Portable Document Format at <http://www.nrc.gov/RES/nrc.html> and can be read with Adobe Acrobat Reader software, available at no cost from <http://www.adobe.com>. Hard and electronic copies are available from the contact listed below.

CONTACT: Dr. John D. Randall, Mail Stop T9F31, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, telephone (301) 415-6192, e-mail jdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of October 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 25209; 812-12594]

American International Group, et al.; Notice of Application

October 12, 2001.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Notice of an application under section 17(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act.

Summary of Application: Applicants request an order to permit certain series of registered open-end management investment companies to acquire all of the assets and liabilities of certain corresponding series of another registered open-end management investment company. Because of certain affiliations, applicants may not rely on rule 17a-8 under the Act.

Applicants: American International Group, Inc. ("AIG"), North American Funds ("NA Trust"), SunAmerica Equity Funds ("Equity Trust"), SunAmerica Income Funds ("Income Trust"), SunAmerica Money Market

Funds, Inc. ("Money Market Corp."), SunAmerica Style Select Series, Inc. ("Style Select Series"), SunAmerica Strategic Investment Series, Inc. ("Strategic Investment Series"), The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company ("VALIC"), American General Corporation ("American General"), and Sun America Asset Management Corp. (SAAMCo).

Filing Dates: The application was filed on August 9, 2001. Applicants have agreed to file an amendment during the notice period, the substance of which is reflected in this notice.

Hearing or Notification of Hearing: An order granting the application will be issued unless the Commission orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing by writing to the Commission's Secretary and serving applicants with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the Commission by 5:30 p.m. on November 6, 2001, and should be accompanied by proof of service on applicants, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Commission's Secretary.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609; Applicants, c/o Margery K. Neale, Esq., Shearman & Sterling, 599 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022-6069.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lidian Pereira, Senior Counsel, at (202) 942-0524 or Mary Kay Frech, Branch Chief, at (202) 952-0564 (Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following is a summary of the application. The complete application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0102 (telephone (202) 942-8090).

Applicants' Representations

1. NA Trust, a business trust organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is registered under the Act as an open-end management investment company. NA Trust offers twenty-four series ("NA Funds"), seventeen of which are involved in the proposed transactions for which exemptive relief is sought,