

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-146, License No. DPR-4]

Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation and GPU Nuclear, Inc.; Notice of Termination of Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation Facility Amended Facility License No. DPR-4

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Termination of the Saxton Nuclear Experimental Corporation (SNEC) and GPU Nuclear, Inc., SNEC Facility Amended Facility License No. DPR-4.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is noticing the termination of Amended Facility License No. DPR-4 (NRC Docket No. 50-146) for the SNEC facility near Saxton, Pennsylvania.

Background: The SNEC facility is in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. The SNEC facility operated from 1962 to 1972. It was mainly used for research in various aspects of power reactor technology and to train personnel. The reactor was licensed at 23.5 megawatts of thermal energy. Electric power was produced by sending steam produced by operation of the reactor to a nearby coal-fired power station (because the SNEC facility did not have its own turbine or generator). The nuclear steam supply system was a one-loop pressurized water reactor. After shutdown, the reactor fuel was removed from the facility and shipped to what is now the Department of Energy Savannah River Site in South Carolina. Some minor decommissioning activities were done from 1972 to 1974. The facility was then placed in a monitored storage condition. Support structures and buildings were decontaminated and removed between 1987 and 1992. Full-scale decommissioning activities started in May 1998.

In February 2000 the licensees submitted their license termination plan (LTP) for the SNEC facility. Under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.82(a)(10), the NRC approved the LTP by a license amendment dated March 28, 2003. In accordance with the approved LTP, the licensees conducted final status surveys (FSSs) to demonstrate that the facility and site met the criteria in 10 CFR 20.1402 for unrestricted release. The licensees presented the FSS results to the NRC in FSS reports (FSSRs).

The licensees submitted an application for termination of SNEC Amended Facility License No. DPR-4 on September 15, 2005. The application

states that GPU Nuclear, Inc., has completed the remaining radiological decommissioning activities and the final radiation surveys of the SNEC Facility and the associated PENELEC site in accordance with an NRC-approved LTP and the final radiation surveys demonstrate that the facility and site area meet the criteria in 10 CFR part 20, subpart E, for the decommissioning and release of the site for unrestricted use.

The NRC did a number of performance-based in-process inspections of the licensee's FSS program during the decommissioning process. The purpose of the inspections was to verify that the FSSs were being done in accordance with the licensees' commitments in the LTP and to evaluate the quality of the FSSs by reviewing the FSS procedures, methodology, equipment, surveyor training and qualifications, document quality control, and survey data. The NRC also did independent confirmatory surveys to verify the licensees' FSS results. The confirmatory surveys consisted of surface scans for beta and gamma radiation, direct measurements for total beta activity, and smear sampling for determining removable-radioactivity levels.

The NRC staff reviewed the FSSRs and concludes that (i) dismantlement and decontamination activities were performed in accordance with the approved LTP; and (ii) the FSSRs demonstrate that the facility and site have met the criteria for decommissioning in 10 CFR part 20, subpart E. NRC is therefore terminating SNEC Facility Amended Facility License No. DPR-4.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: See the application for license termination dated September 15, 2005 (ML052640047) and NRC Inspection Report Nos. 50-146/2003-201, dated November 12, 2003 (ML033090608), 50-146/2003-202, dated December 17, 2003 (ML033420687), 50-146/2004-201, dated February 10, 2005 (ML050380407), and 50-146/2005-201, dated October 31, 2005 (ML052730465). They are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR) at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS's) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (use the ADAMS ML numbers given above). Persons who do not have access

to ADAMS or who have trouble accessing the documents 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 7th day of November 2005.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brian E. Thomas,

Branch Chief, Research and Test Reactors Branch, Division of Policy and Rulemaking, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) will hold a meeting on December 7-10, 2005, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, November 24, 2004 (69 FR 68412).

Wednesday, December 7, 2005, Conference Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland

1 p.m.-1:05 p.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

1:05 p.m.-3 p.m.: Final Review of the Vermont Yankee Extended Power Uprate Application and the Associated Safety Evaluation (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. and the NRC staff regarding the 20% power uprate application for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant and the NRC staff's associated Safety Evaluation.

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.: Draft ACRS report on the NRC Safety Research Program (Open)—The Committee will discuss the draft ACRS report to the Commission on the NRC Safety Research Program.

5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.: Preparation for Meeting with the NRC Commissioners (Open)—The Committee will discuss the topics scheduled for discussion with the NRC Commissioners between 1 and 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, 2005.

**Thursday, December 8, 2005,
Conference Room T-2B3, Two White
Flint North, Rockville, Maryland**

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.–10 a.m.: Early Site Permit Application for the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station and the Associated Final Safety Evaluation Report (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the System Energy Resources, Inc. and the NRC staff regarding the early site permit application for the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station and the associated final Safety Evaluation Report prepared by the NRC staff.

10:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m.: Draft Final Generic Letter, “Impact of Potentially Degraded Hemyc/MT Fire Barrier Materials on Compliance with Fire Protection Regulations” (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the draft final Generic Letter on “Impact of Potentially Degraded Hemyc/MT Fire Barrier Materials on Compliance with Fire Protection Regulations” and a summary of the NRC staff’s resolution of public comments received on the public comment version of this Generic Letter.

1 p.m.–3 p.m.: Meeting with the NRC Commissioners, Commissioners’ Conference Room, One White Flint North, Rockville, MD (Open)—The Committee will meet with the NRC Commissioners to discuss the following topics: Overview by the ACRS Chairman (License Renewal, Early Site Permits, and Future ACRS Activities); Issues Related to New Plant Licensing (including Technology Neutral Framework); Proposed Alternative Embrittlement Criteria in 10 CFR 50.46; Fire Protection Matters; and Power Uprate Technical Issues.

3:30 p.m.–5 p.m.: Proposed Program Plan and Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Risk-Informing 10 CFR Part 50 (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed Program Plan and the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Risk-Informing 10 CFR Part 50, and related matters.

5:15 p.m.–7 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Friday December 9, 2005, Conference Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, Rockville, Maryland

8:30 a.m.–8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.–10 a.m.: Staff Activities Associated with Responding to the Commission’s Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) Related to Safety Conscious Work Environment and Safety Culture (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding staff activities associated with responding to the Commission’s SRM related to safety conscious work environment and safety culture, and related matters.

10:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m.: Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings. Also, it will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, including anticipated workload and member assignments.

11:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters.

11:30 a.m.–12 Noon: Election of ACRS Officers for CY 2006 (Open)—The Committee will elect Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ACRS and Member-at-Large for the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee for CY 2006.

1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.: Draft ACRS Report on the NRC Safety Research Program (Open)—The Committee will discuss the draft ACRS report to the Commission on the NRC Safety Research Program.

3:45 p.m.–6:45 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

**Saturday, December 10, 2005,
Conference Room T-2B3, Two White
Flint North, Rockville, Maryland**

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

12:30 p.m.–p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of

Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 2005 (70 FR 56936). In accordance with those procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Cognizant ACRS staff named below five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during the meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman.

Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Cognizant ACRS staff prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the Cognizant ACRS staff if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, as well as the Chairman’s ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Cognizant ACRS staff (301-415-7364), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., e.t.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room at pdr@nrc.gov, or by calling the PDR at 1-800-397-4209, or from the Publicly Available Records System (PARS) component of NRC’s document system (ADAMS) which is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> or <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/> (ACRS & ACNW Mtg schedules/agendas).

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301-415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., e.t., at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this

service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment and facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

The ACRS meeting dates for Calendar Year 2006 are provided below:

ACRS meeting No.	Meeting dates
529	January 2006 (No Meeting).
530	February 9–11, 2006.
531	March 9–11, 2006.
532	April 6–8, 2006.
533	May 4–6, 2006.
534	May 31–June 1–2, 2006.
535	July 12–14, 2006.
536	August 2006 (No Meeting).
537	September 7–9, 2006.
538	October 4–6, 2006.
539	November 1–3, 2006.
540	December 7–9, 2006.

Dated: November 16, 2005.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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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 December 7, 2005, 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 the internal personnel rules and practices of the 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, December 7, 2005, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

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

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written

comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Mr. Sam Duraiswamy (telephone: 301–415–7364) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (e.t.) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (e.t.). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the agenda.

Dated: November 15, 2005.

Michael L. Scott,

Branch Chief, ACRS/ACNW.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Federal Register Notice

DATES: Weeks of November 21, 28, December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2005.

PLACE: Commissioner's Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of November 21, 2005

Monday, November 21, 2005

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)(Tentative).

a. U.S. Department of Energy (High Level Waste Repository: Pre-Applications Matters); NRC staff request for stay of LBP–05–27 (Tentative).

b. Louisiana Energy Services, L.P. (National Enrichment Facility). Remaining Claims in Petition for Review of LBP–05–13 (Environmental Contentions) (Tentative).

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Status of New Reactor Issues, Part 1 (Public Meeting). (Contact: Laura Dudes, 301–415–0146).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Status of New Reactor Issues, Part 2 (Public Meeting). (Contact: Laura Dudes, 301–415–0146).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of November 28, 2005—Tentative

Tuesday, November 29, 2005

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Management Issues (Closed–Ex. 2).

Wednesday, November 30, 2005

9:30 a.m. Briefing on EEO Program (Public Meeting). (Contact: Corenthis Kelley, 301–415–7380).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of December 5, 2005—Tentative

Thursday, December 8, 2005

1 p.m. Meeting with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS). (Contact: John Larkins, 301–415–7360).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of December 12, 2005—Tentative

Monday, December 12, 2005

9 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed–Ex. 1).

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

1:30 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed–Ex. 1).

Thursday, December 15, 2005

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed–Ex. 1).

Week of December 19, 2005—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 19, 2005.

Week of December 26, 2005—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 26, 2005.

*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415–1292. Contact person for more information: Michelle Schroll, (301) 415–1662.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html>.

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