

associated documentation demonstrate that the facilities and sites may be released in accordance with the criteria in the NRC-approved decommissioning plans. Further, on the basis of the decommissioning activities carried out by UVA, the NRC's review of the licensee's final status survey report, the results of NRC inspections conducted at the UVAR and CAVALIER, and the results of NRC confirmatory surveys, the NRC has concluded that the decommissioning process is complete and the facilities and sites may be released for unrestricted use. Therefore Facility Operating License Nos. R-66 and R-123 are terminated.

For further details concerning UVAR see the licensee's application for decommissioning dated February 9, 2000, updated by letter April 26, 2000 and supplemented by letters on December 19, 2000, May 4, and May 11, 2001; the NRC approval of the UVAR decommissioning plan by Amendment No. 26 to Facility Operating License No. R-66 on March 26, 2002; the licensee's request for license termination by letter to NRC dated June 18, 2004; the April 2004 UVAR Final Status Survey Report submitted to NRC by letter dated June 18, 2004; and NRC Inspection Report No. 50-62/2002-202, dated September 2, 2005. For further details about CAVALIER, see the licensee's February 26, 1990 application for decommissioning, supplemented on June 17, 1991; the February 3, 1992, Order Authorizing Dismantling of Facility and Disposition of Component Parts for the CAVALIER, Facility Operating License No. R-123; licensee's April 4, 2003, request for termination of the license; the March 2003 Evaluation of Radiological Characterization Results Relative to the Termination of NRC License No. R-123, submitted by letter dated April 4, 2003; and NRC Inspection Report No. 50-62/2002-202, dated September 2, 2005. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records for UVA dated after January 30, 2000, 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 have problems in accessing the documents in ADAMS should call the NRC PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737 or e-mail pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of October, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Final Regulatory Guide: Issuance, Availability

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a revision to an existing guide in the agency's Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 3.71, entitled "Nuclear Criticality Safety Standards for Fuels and Material Facilities," describes methods that the NRC staff finds acceptable for complying with the NRC's regulations in Title 10, Parts 70 and 76, of the *Code of Federal Regulations*. In 10 CFR Part 70, "Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material," Section 70.20, "General License To Own Special Nuclear Material," states that a specific license is required to acquire, deliver, receive, possess, use, transfer, import, or export special nuclear material. According to 10 CFR 70.22, "Contents of Applications," each application for such a license must contain proposed procedures to avoid nuclear criticality accidents. In 10 CFR Part 76, "Certification of Gaseous Diffusion Plants," Section 76.87, "Technical Safety Requirements," states that the technical safety requirements should reference procedures and equipment that are applicable to criticality prevention.

The NRC initially issued Regulatory Guide 3.71 in 1998 to provide guidance concerning procedures that the staff considered acceptable for complying with these portions of the NRC's regulations. Toward that end, the original guide endorsed specific nuclear criticality safety standards developed by the American Nuclear Society's

Standards Subcommittee 8 (ANS-8), "Operations with Fissionable Materials Outside Reactors." Those national standards provide guidance, criteria, and best practices for use in preventing and mitigating criticality accidents during operations that involve handling, processing, storing, and/or transporting special nuclear material at fuel and material facilities. The original guide also took exceptions to certain portions of individual ANS-8 standards. In addition, the original guide consolidated and replaced a number of earlier NRC regulatory guides, thereby providing all of the relevant guidance in a single document.

Since that time, several ANS-8 nuclear criticality safety standards have been added, reaffirmed, revised, or withdrawn. Consequently, the NRC staff decided to update this guide to clarify which standards the agency endorses and to clearly state exceptions to individual standards. Toward that end, the staff issued this revised regulatory guide as Draft Regulatory Guide DG-3023, with a **Federal Register** notice (70 FR 25128), dated May 12, 2005, to solicit stakeholder comments. The public comment period closed on June 20, 2005, without the submission of any stakeholder comments; however, the NRC staff further revised RG 3.71 based on review of additional changes to the consensus standards in the guide.

This revision does not change any of the guidance provided in the initial issuance of Regulatory Guide 3.71; rather, it provides guidance concerning changes that have occurred since the NRC published the original guide in 1998. For completeness, this guide restates the endorsements and exceptions stated in Regulatory Guide 3.71, as applicable, while identifying endorsements of or exceptions to new or modified standards.

Since the ANSI/ANS-8 standards are constantly being issued, revised, reaffirmed, or withdrawn, the NRC staff plans to revise this guide on a regular basis. The NRC staff encourages and welcomes comments and suggestions in connection with improvements to published regulatory guides, as well as items for inclusion in regulatory guides that are currently being developed. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Please mention the guide number in the subject line of your submission. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety on the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). Personal information will not be removed from your comments. You may

submit comments by any of the following methods.

Mail comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Hand-deliver comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

Fax comments to: Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

Requests for technical information about RG 3.71 may be directed to H.D. Felsher, at (301) 415-5521 or via e-mail to HDF@nrc.gov.

Electronic copies of RG 3.71 are available through the NRC's public Web site under the Regulatory Guides document collection of the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. Electronic copies are also available in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, under Accession No. ML051940351.

In addition, regulatory guides are available for inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), which is located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland; the PDR's mailing address is USNRC PDR, Washington, DC 20555-0001. The PDR can also be reached by telephone at (301) 415-4737 or (800) 397-4205, by fax at (301) 415-3548, and by email to PDR@nrc.gov. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section; by e-mail to DISTRIBUTION@nrc.gov; or by fax to (301) 415-2289. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Availability of NUREG-1833, "Technical Bases for Revision to the License Renewal Guidance Documents"

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing NUREG-1833, "Technical Bases for Revision to the License Renewal Guidance Documents." This document describes the technical bases for the revision of NUREG-1801, "Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report" and NUREG-1800 "Standard Review Plan for the Review of License Renewal Applications for Nuclear Power Plants" (SRP-LR).

ADDRESSES: Copies are available in the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738. The NRC maintains an Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. This document may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> under ADAMS accession number ML052110003. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdrr@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jerry Dozier, License Renewal Project Manager, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Mail Stop O-11F1, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone 301-415-1014, or by e-mail at jxd@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Technical Bases for Revision to the License Renewal Guidelines Documents

The NRC staff has written NUREG-1833 to document and justify the technical changes to the GALL Report and SRP-LR since the 2001 publication.

The changes that were made when revising these license renewal guidance documents are captured in NUREG-1833, along with the bases for technical changes. Changes to the GALL Report and SRP-LR are in the following categories: (1) Roll-Up Changes; (2) Incorporation of NRC Positions; (3) Operating Experience; and (4) Technical or Process Clarifications and Corrections.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of October 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

[Docket No. MC2006-1; Order No. 1447]

Permanent Parcel Return Service

AGENCY: Postal Rate Commission.

ACTION: Notice and order.

SUMMARY: Parcel Return Service (PRS), which the Postal Service currently offers on an experimental basis for two parcel post rate categories, was scheduled to expire October 19, 2003. Shortly before the expiration date, the Service filed a request to establish one of these categories (Parcel Select) as a permanent offering and to allow users to purchase an optional ancillary service (Certificate of Mailing). Participants in the experiment were not eligible for this ancillary service during the experimental stage. The Service's request triggered an automatic extension of the October 19, 2005 expiration date for Parcel Select. Given no participation in the other experimental category (Bound Printed Matter), the Service does not seek to make it permanent, and it expired as scheduled. This document establishes a formal docket to address the requested change in status for the PRS Parcel Select category and identifies several initial steps, including authorization of settlement negotiations.

DATES: 1. November 10, 2005: deadline for intervention.

2. November 17, 2005: deadline for responses to waiver motion; prehearing conference (10 a.m.).

3. November 14-15, 2005: dates reserved for settlement conference.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>.