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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of January, 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Keith I. McConnell,**

*Deputy Director, Decommissioning and Uranium Recovery, Licensing Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Managing Gas Accumulation in Emergency Core Cooling, Decay Heat Removal, and Containment Spray Systems

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Generic Letter (GL) 2008-01 all holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel. The NRC is issuing this GL to address the issue of gas<sup>1</sup> accumulation in the emergency core cooling, decay heat removal (DHR),<sup>2</sup> and containment spray systems (hereinafter referred to as

<sup>1</sup> "Gas" as used here includes air, nitrogen, hydrogen, water vapor, or any other void that is not filled with liquid water.

<sup>2</sup> DHR, residual heat removal (RHR), and shutdown cooling are common names for systems used to cool the reactor coolant system (RCS) during some phases of shutdown operation. In this GL, the NRC staff generally uses "DHR."

the "subject systems"). Specifically, the NRC is issuing this GL for two purposes:

(1) To request addressees to submit information to demonstrate that the subject systems are in compliance with the current licensing and design bases and applicable regulatory requirements, and that suitable design, operational, and testing control measures are in place for maintaining this compliance, and

(2) To collect the requested information to determine if additional regulatory action is required.

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**DATES:** The GL was issued on January 11, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Not applicable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Warren Lyon at 301-415-2897 or by e-mail [wcl@nrc.gov](mailto:wcl@nrc.gov) or David Beaulieu at 301-415-3243 or e-mail [dpb@nrc.gov](mailto:dpb@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NRC Generic Letter 2008-01 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 will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. The ADAMS number for the GL is ML070360665.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of January 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Martin C. Murphy,**

*Chief, Generic Communications Branch, Division of Policy and Rulemaking, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B,

and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** C. Penn, Group Manager, Executive Resources Services Group, Center for Human Resources, Division for Human Capital Leadership and Merit System Accountability, 202-606-2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between December 1, 2007, and December 31, 2007. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

#### *Schedule A*

No Schedule A appointments were approved for December 2007.

#### *Schedule B*

No Schedule B appointments were approved for December 2007.

#### *Schedule C*

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during December 2007.

#### *Section 213.3303 Executive Office of the President*

##### *Office of Management and Budget*

BOGS80002 Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director for Natural Resource Programs. Effective December 11, 2007.

##### *Office of National Drug Control Policy*

QQGS80002 Special Assistant to the Director to the Chief of Staff. Effective December 04, 2007.

##### *Section 213.3304 Department of State*

DSGS61103 Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and Security Affairs. Effective December 4, 2007.

DSGS61270 Public Affairs Specialist to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective December 21, 2007.

##### *Section 213.3305 Department of the Treasury*

DYGS00230 Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Public Affairs. Effective December 27, 2007.

DYGS00501 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance. Effective December 27, 2007.

DYGS00502 Senior Policy Advisor to the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance. Effective December 27, 2007.