

ML042320379, and ML042330385). The staff finds there were no significant environmental impacts from the use of radioactive material at the Facility. The NRC staff reviewed the docket file records and the final status survey report to identify any non-radiological hazards that may have impacted the environment surrounding the Facility. No such hazards or impacts to the environment were identified. The NRC has identified no other radiological or non-radiological activities in the area that could result in cumulative environmental impacts.

The NRC staff finds that the proposed release of the Facility for unrestricted use and the termination of the NRC materials license is in compliance with 10 CFR 20.1402. Based on its review, the staff considered the impact of the residual radioactivity at the Facility and concluded that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. The NRC thus finds that the Licensee's final status survey results are acceptable to support free release of the Facility for unrestricted use and for termination of the NRC license.

#### *Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

Due to the largely administrative nature of the proposed action, its environmental impacts are small. Therefore, the only alternative the staff considered is the no-action alternative, under which the staff would leave things as they are by simply denying the amendment request. This no-action alternative is not feasible because it conflicts with 10 CFR 40.42(d), requiring that decommissioning of source material facilities be completed and approved by the NRC after licensed activities cease. The NRC's analysis of the Licensee's final status survey data confirmed that the Facility meets the requirements of 10 CFR 20.1402 for unrestricted release and for license termination. Additionally, denying the amendment request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the no-action alternative are therefore similar, and the no-action alternative is accordingly not further considered.

#### *Conclusion*

The NRC staff has concluded that the proposed action is consistent with the NRC's unrestricted release criteria specified in 10 CFR 20.1402. Because the proposed action will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment, the NRC staff

concludes that the proposed action is the preferred alternative.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

NRC provided a draft of this Environmental Assessment to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection for review on January 22, 2009. On February 17, 2009, the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection responded. The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection agreed with the conclusions of the EA and otherwise had no comments.

The NRC staff has determined that the proposed action is of a procedural nature and will not affect listed species or critical habitat. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. The NRC staff has also determined that the proposed action is not the type of activity that has the potential to cause effects on historic properties. Therefore, no further consultation is required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

#### **III. Finding of No Significant Impact**

The NRC staff has prepared this EA in support of the proposed action. On the basis of this EA, the NRC finds that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed action and that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted. Accordingly, the NRC has determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate.

#### **IV. Further Information**

Documents related to this action, including the application for license amendment and supporting documentation, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The documents related to this action are listed below, along with their ADAMS accession numbers.

1. Letter from Alpha Q to NRC dated April 21, 2008, submitting a proposed final site status survey plan (ML081350674);
2. Letter from NRC to Alpha Q dated June 19, 2008, approving a modification to the default DCGLs and requesting additional information regarding the proposed final survey plan (ML081710745);
3. Letter from Alpha Q to NRC dated June 30, 2008, providing additional

information regarding the proposed final status survey plan (ML082000589);

4. Letter from NRC to Alpha Q approving final survey plan, dated July 11, 2008 (ML081960062);
5. Letter from Alpha Q to NRC submitting final survey results and requesting license termination, dated November 20, 2008 (ML083330496);
6. NRC Inspection Record dated January 9, 2009 (ML090200015);
7. NUREG-1757, "Consolidated NMSS Decommissioning Guidance;"
8. Title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 20, Subpart E, "Radiological Criteria for License Termination;"
9. Title 10, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 51, "Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions;" and
10. NUREG-1496, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement in Support of Rulemaking on Radiological Criteria for License Termination of NRC-Licensed Nuclear Facilities."

If you do not have access to ADAMS, or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov). These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Region I, 475 Allendale Road, King of Prussia, PA this 6th day of March 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**James P. Dwyer,**

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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### **Interim Staff Guidance on Disposition of Review of Evaluation To Address Adverse Flow Effects in Equipment Other Than Reactor Internals**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC is soliciting public comment on its Proposed Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) DC/COL-ISG-010 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS))

Accession No. ML090510728). The purpose of this ISG is to modify and provide additional clarity in the guidance for the review of analyses of adverse flow effects in equipment other than reactor internals performed by Combined License (COL) and Design Certification (DC) applicants. This ISG would revise the staff guidance previously issued in March 2007 in the Standard Review Plan (SRP) NUREG-0080, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants," Section 3.9.2, "Dynamic Testing and Analysis of Systems, Structures, and Components," Section 3.9.5, "Reactor Pressure Vessel Internals," and Regulatory Guide 1.20, "Comprehensive Vibration Assessment Program for Reactor Internals During Pre-operational and Initial Startup Testing." The NRC staff issues DC/COL-ISGs to facilitate timely implementation of current staff guidance and to facilitate activities associated with review of applications for DCs and COLs by the Office of New Reactors. The NRC staff will also incorporate the approved DC/COL-ISG-010 into the next revision of the SRP and related guidance documents.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed no later than 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to: Chief, Rulemaking, Directives, and Editing Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of the **Federal Register** notice.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jennifer L. Dixon-Herrity, Chief, Engineering Mechanics Branch 2, Division of Engineering, Office of the New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-

0001; telephone 301-415-2967 or e-mail at [jennifer.dixon-herrity@nrc.gov](mailto:jennifer.dixon-herrity@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The agency posts its issued staff guidance in the agency external Web page (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/isd/>). The NRC staff is issuing this notice to solicit public comments on proposed DC/COL-ISG-010. After the NRC staff considers any public comments, it will make a determination regarding proposed DC/COL-ISG-010.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of March 2009.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**William F. Burton,**

*Branch Chief, Rulemaking and Guidance Development Branch, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Meeting of the Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal will hold a meeting on April 1, 2009, Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

*Wednesday, April 1, 2009-8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.*

The Subcommittee will discuss the license renewal application for the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2 and the associated Safety Evaluation Report (SER) with Open Items prepared by the staff. The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, PPL Susquehanna, and other interested persons regarding this matter. 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. Peter Wen (telephone (301) 415-2832 five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register**

on October 6, 2008 (73 FR 58268-58269).

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 6:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (ET). 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 to the agenda.

Dated: March 10, 2009.

**Cayetano Santos,**

*Chief, Reactor Safety Branch A, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS); Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures

#### Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on April 1, 2009, Room T2-B1, 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, April 1, 2009, 12 p.m.-1 p.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 Officer, Mr. Sam Duraiswamy (Telephone: 301-415-7364) between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (ET) 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. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 6, 2008 (73 FR 58268-58269).