

### Selection To Initiate the Compact Process

The Board also authorized MCC to invite Ghana and Georgia to submit a proposal for a second compact, as described in section 609 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7708).

Submission of a proposal is not a guarantee that MCC will finalize a compact with an eligible country. Any MCA assistance provided under section 605 of the Act (22 U.S.C. 7704) will be contingent on the successful negotiation of a mutually agreeable compact between the eligible country and MCC, approval of the compact by the Board, and the availability of funds.

Dated: January 7, 2011.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### National Science Board; Sunshine Act Meetings; Notice

The National Science Board's Task Force on Merit Review, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR Part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of a meeting held by teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business and other matters specified, as follows:

**DATE AND TIME:** January 19, 2011, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST.

**SUBJECT MATTER:** Chairman's remarks and a discussion of Section 526 of the FY10 America Competes Reauthorization Act (Broader Impacts Review Criterion).

**STATUS:** Open.

**LOCATION:** This meeting will be held by teleconference at the National Science Board Office, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. A room will be available for the public to listen-in to this meeting held by teleconference. All visitors must contact the Board Office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting held by teleconference to arrange for a visitor's badge and to obtain the room number. Call 703-292-7000 or send an e-mail message to [nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov](mailto:nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov) with your name and organizational affiliation to request the room number and your badge, which will be ready for pick-up

at the visitor's desk the day of the meeting. All visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk located in the lobby at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive your visitor's badge on the day of the teleconference.

**UPDATES AND POINT OF CONTACT:** Please refer to the National Science Board Web site <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb> for additional information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/notices/>. Point of contact for this meeting is: Kim Silverman, National Science Board Office, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 292-7000.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2009-0263]

### Draft Regulatory Guide: Reissuance and Availability

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Reissuance and Availability of Draft Regulatory Guide (DG)-1229.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUMMARY:** DG-1229 was previously issued for public comment in June 2009, and the Commission approved RG 1.159 subject to changes which are spelled out in a Staff Requirements Memorandum dated October 25, 2010 (ML1029805650). Because of the nature of the changes, the draft guide is being reissued for comment, and during that period, NRR will hold a public workshop to solicit comments from stakeholders and other relevant experts on the use of the net present value method for parent guarantees in license transfer cases.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft guide in the agency's "Regulatory Guide" series. This series was 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.

The draft regulatory guide (DG), entitled, "Assuring the Availability of Funds for Decommissioning Nuclear Reactors," is temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1229, which should be mentioned in all related correspondence. DG-1229 is proposed Revision 2 of Regulatory Guide 1.159, dated October 2003.

The general requirements for applications for license termination and decommissioning nuclear power, research, and test reactors appear in Title 10, Part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities," of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 50). Subsequent to the original publication of this regulatory guide in August 1990, the NRC promulgated amendments to 10 CFR Part 50 in the **Federal Register** on September 22, 1998 (63 FR 50465). Various amendments modified 10 CFR 50.33(k), 10 CFR 50.75, "Reporting and Recordkeeping for Decommissioning Planning," and 10 CFR 50.82(b), which require operating license applicants and existing licensees to submit information on how reasonable assurance will be provided that funds are available to decommission the facility. The NRC promulgated additional amendments to 10 CFR 50.75 on December 24, 2002, in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 78332). As amended, 10 CFR 50.75 establishes requirements for indicating how this assurance will be provided; namely, the amount of funds that must be provided, including updates; the methods to be used for assuring funds; and provisions contained in trust agreements for safeguarding decommissioning funds. This document provides guidance to applicants and licensees of nuclear power, research, and test reactors concerning methods acceptable to the staff of the NRC for complying with requirements in the rules regarding the amount of funds for decommissioning. It also provides guidance on the content and form of the financial assurance mechanisms in those rule amendments.

### II. Further Information

The NRC staff is soliciting comments on DG-1229. Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data and should mention DG-1229 in the subject line. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety through the

NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS).

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please include Docket ID NRC-2009-0263 in the subject line of your comments. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be posted on the NRC website and on the Federal rulemaking website Regulations.gov. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

The NRC requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments received from other persons for submission to the NRC inform those persons that the NRC will not edit their comments to remove any identifying or contact information, and therefore, they should not include any information in their comments that they do not want publicly disclosed.

*Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for documents filed under Docket ID NRC-2009-0263. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher 301-492-3668; e-mail [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov).

*Mail comments to:* Cindy K. Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by fax to RDB at 301-492-3446.

You can access publicly available documents related to this notice using the following methods:

*NRC's Public Document Room (PDR):* The public may examine and copy for a fee publicly available documents at the NRC's PDR, Room O1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

*NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC's PDR reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The Regulatory Analysis is available electronically under ADAMS Accession Number ML103350166.

Comments would be most helpful if received by March 14, 2011. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Electronic copies of DG-1229 are available through the NRC's public Web site under Draft Regulatory Guides in the "Regulatory Guides" collection of the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/>. Electronic copies are also available in ADAMS (<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>), under Accession No. ML103350136.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of January, 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket Numbers 50-498, 50-499; NRC-2010-0375]**

### **Notice of Acceptance for Docketing of the Application and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing Regarding Renewal of Facility Operating License Numbers NPF-76 and NPF-80 for an Additional 20-Year Period, STP Nuclear Operating Company, South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is considering an application for the renewal of operating licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80, which authorizes STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC), to operate the South Texas Project STP, Unit 1, at 3853 megawatts thermal and Unit 2 at 3853 megawatts thermal, respectively. The renewed licenses would authorize the applicant to operate STP, Units 1 and 2, for an additional 20 years beyond the period specified in the current licenses. STP, Units 1 and 2, are located near Wadsworth, TX; the current operating license for Unit 1 expires on August 20, 2027, and Unit 2 expires on December 15, 2028.

STPNOC submitted the application dated October 25, 2010, pursuant to Title 10, Part 54, of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR Part 54), to renew operating licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 for STP, Units 1 and 2. A notice of receipt and availability of the license renewal application (LRA) was published in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 2010 (75 FR 76757).

The NRC staff has determined that STPNOC has submitted sufficient information in accordance with 10 CFR Sections 54.19, 54.21, 54.22, 54.23, and 51.53(c), to enable the staff to undertake a review of the application, and that the application is therefore acceptable for docketing. The current Docket Numbers 50-498 and 50-499 for operating licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80, respectively, will be retained. The determination to accept the LRA for docketing does not constitute a determination that a renewed license should be issued, and does not preclude the NRC staff from requesting additional information as the review proceeds.

Before issuance of the requested renewed licenses, the NRC will have made the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. In accordance with 10 CFR 54.29, the NRC may issue the renewed licenses on the basis of its review if it finds that actions have been identified and have been or will be taken with respect to: (1) Managing the effects of aging during the period of extended operation on the functionality of structures and components that have been identified as requiring aging management review, and (2) time-limited aging analyses that have been identified as requiring review, such that there is reasonable assurance that the activities authorized by the renewed licenses will continue to be conducted in accordance with the current licensing basis (CLB) and that any changes made to the plant's CLB will comply with the Act and the Commission's regulations.

Additionally, in accordance with 10 CFR 51.95(c), the NRC will prepare an environmental impact statement that is a supplement to the Commission's NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants," dated May 1996. In considering the LRA, the Commission must find that the applicable requirements of Subpart A of 10 CFR Part 51 have been satisfied, and that matters raised under 10 CFR 2.335 have been addressed. Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.26, and as part of the environmental scoping process, the staff intends to hold a public scoping meeting. Detailed information regarding