

abbreviated titles and additional citations) in Section II of this document. The amendment documents for COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML13074A151 and ML13074A160. A summary of the amendment documents is provided in Section III of this document.

## II. Exemption

Reproduced below is the exemption document issued to Vogtle Unit 3 and Unit 4. It makes reference to the combined safety evaluation that provides the reasoning for the findings made by the NRC (and listed under Item 1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated September 21, 2012, and as supplemented by letters dated October 29, 2012, and January 25, 2013, the licensee requested from the Commission an exemption from the provisions of 10 CFR Part 52, Appendix D, Section III.B, as part of license amendment request 12-008, "Definition of Wall Thicknesses for Nuclear Island Buildings, Turbine Buildings, and Annex Building" (LAR 12-008).

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.1, "Evaluation of Exemption," of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation, which can be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13074A178, the Commission finds that:

A. The exemption is authorized by law;

B. the exemption presents no undue risk to public health and safety;

C. the exemption is consistent with the common defense and security;

D. special circumstances are present in that the application of the rule in this circumstance is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule;

E. the special circumstances outweigh any decrease in safety that may result from the reduction in standardization caused by the exemption; and

F. the exemption will not result in a significant decrease in the level of safety otherwise provided by the design.

2. Accordingly, the licensee is granted an exemption to the provisions of 10 CFR Part 52, Appendix D, Section III.B, to allow deviations from the Tier 1 certification information in Table 3.3-1 of the certified Design Control Document, as described in the licensee's request dated September 21, 2012, and as supplemented on October 29, 2012, and January 25, 2013. This exemption is related to, and necessary for the granting of License Amendment No. 6, which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

3. As explained in Section 5.0, "Environmental Consideration," of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation (ADAMS

Accession No. ML13074A178), this exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the exemption.

4. This exemption is effective as of May 8, 2013.

## III. License Amendment Request

By letter dated September 21, 2012, the licensee requested that the NRC amend the COLs for VEGP, Units 3 and 4, COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92. The licensee supplemented this application on October 29, 2012, and January 25, 2013. The proposed amendment would depart from the UFSAR Tier 1 material, and would revise the associated material that has been included in Appendix C of each of the VEGP, Units 3 and 4, COLs. Specifically the requested amendment will revise the Tier 1 information located in Table 3.3-1, to correctly translate information found in Tier 1 and Tier 2 drawings. No physical changes or design changes were requested as part of this amendment, only the presentation of design information in Table 3.3-1 changed.

The Commission has determined for these amendments that the application complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to facility operating license or combined license, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the **Federal Register** on November 13, 2012 (77 FR 67685). The supplements had no effect on the no significant hazards consideration determination and no comments were received during the 60-day comment period.

The Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

## IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemption and issued the amendment that the licensee requested on September 21, 2012, and supplemented by letters dated October 29, 2012, and January 25, 2013. The exemption and amendment were issued on May 8, 2013 as part of a combined package to the licensee. (ADAMS Accession No. ML13074A139).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of May 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Lawrence Burkhardt,**

*Acting Chief, Licensing Branch 4, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Advisory Committee On Reactor Safeguards; Notice of Meeting

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 June 5-7, 2013, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

### Wednesday, June 5, 2013, Conference Room T2-B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, 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.-10:00 a.m.: Station Blackout Mitigation Strategies Rulemaking* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the draft regulatory basis for the Station Blackout Mitigation Strategies rulemaking.

*10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: Revisions to Six Regulatory Guides on the use of Digital Computer Software in the Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding revisions to Regulatory Guides 1.168, 1.169, 1.170, 1.171, 1.172, and 1.173 regarding the use of digital computer software in the safety systems of nuclear power plants.

*1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.: Assessment of the Quality of Selected NRC Research Projects* (Open)—Discussion with members of the ACRS panels

performing the quality assessment of the following NRC research projects: (1) NUREG/CR-7026: Application of Model Abstraction Techniques to Simulate Transport in Soils and (2) NUREG-2121: Fuel Fragmentation, Relocation, and Dispersal During the Loss-of-Coolant Accident.

*2:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)*—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters discussed during this meeting.

**Thursday, June 6, 2013, Conference Room T2–B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, 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.–10:00 a.m.: Future ACRS Activities/Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open/Closed)*—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the Full Committee during future ACRS Meetings, and matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, including anticipated workload and member assignments. [**Note:** A portion of this meeting may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to internal personnel rules and practices of ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.]

*10:00 a.m.–10:15 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.

*10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: Preparation for Meeting with the Commission on July 11, 2013 (Open)*—Discussion of the topics for the upcoming meeting with the Commission on July 11, 2013.

*1:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)*—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

**Friday, June 7, 2013, Conference Room T-2b1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Md**

*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.–11:30 a.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)*—The Committee

will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

*11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)*—The Committee will continue its discussion related to the conduct of Committee activities and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 18, 2012, (76 FR 64146–64147). In accordance with those procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Antonio Dias, Cognizant ACRS Staff (Telephone: 301–415–6805, Email: [Antonio.Dias@nrc.gov](mailto:Antonio.Dias@nrc.gov)), five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. 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.

Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided 30 minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the Cognizant ACRS Staff one day before meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the Cognizant ACRS Staff with a CD containing each presentation at least 30 minutes before the meeting.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) Public Law 92–463, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), certain portions of this meeting may be closed, as specifically noted above. 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. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available through the NRC Public Document Room at [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@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/>.

Video teleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301–415–8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. (ET), 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 video teleconferencing link. The availability of video teleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: May 23, 2013.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 2013.

**PLACE:** Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and closed.

**Week of May 27, 2013**

*Tuesday, May 28, 2013*

10:00 a.m. Briefing on Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

1:00 p.m. Discussion of Management and Personnel Issues (Closed—Ex. 2 and 6).

*Wednesday, May 29, 2013*

9:00 a.m. Briefing on Results of the Agency Action Review Meeting (AARM) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Rani Franovich, 301–415–1868).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—[www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov).

**Week of June 3, 2013—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of June 3, 2013.

**Week of June 10, 2013—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of June 10, 2013.

**Week of June 17, 2013—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of June 17, 2013.