

Radium-226 and -228, Selenium, Thorium-230, and Uranium for the Southwest Alluvium, Zone 1, and Zone 3. No changes are proposed for the other constituents in License Condition 30.B (*i.e.*, Beryllium, Total Trihalomethanes, and Vanadium).

#### *Need for the Proposed Action*

The proposed action is needed to provide ground water protection standards for the Mill Site that are consistent with 10 CFR part 40, appendix A, paragraph 5B(1) and background ground water quality that is protective of public health and safety.

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

The NRC staff determined that, due to the nature of the proposed action, environmental impacts would be limited to subsurface ground water resources, and that such impacts would be small and not significant. Staff expects no impacts to public health and safety, ecological resources, or historical and cultural resources. Therefore, the NRC staff does not expect significant impacts to result from the proposed modification to the ground water protection standards in SUA-1475 and considers that impacts from the proposed action would be protective of public health and safety and the environment.

In conducting its assessment, the NRC staff considered the following:

- Information in the license application and supporting documentation;
- Information in modeling reports and NRC staff review reports;
- Information in land use and environmental monitoring reports;
- Information from NRC staff site visits and inspections;
- 10 CFR part 40, appendix A, “Criteria Relating to the Operation of Uranium Mills and the Disposition of Tailings or Wastes Produced by the Extraction or Concentration of Source Material From Ores Processed Primarily for Their Source Material Content;”
- NUREG-1620, Rev. 1, “Standard Review Plan for the Review of a Reclamation Plan for Mill Tailings Sites Under Title II of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978” (ADAMS Accession No. ML031550522); and
- NUREG-1748, “Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions Associated with NMSS Programs, Final Report” (ADAMS Accession No. ML032540811).

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

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the “no-action alternative”). Denial of the proposed license amendment would result in no change in the currently approved ground water protection standards. The proposed action is needed to revise the ground water protection standards to more accurately reflect current background conditions. Both the No-Action alternative and the Proposed Action for the Mill Site are consistent with appendix A, criterion 5, paragraph 5B(1) and background ground water quality that is protective of public health and safety.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

The NRC staff determined that the proposed action would be limited to impacts to subsurface ground water resources and therefore is not expected to affect listed endangered and threatened species or their critical habitat. As well, the proposed action is not expected to impact potential or identified cultural or historical resources. Therefore, no further consultation was completed under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act or under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

During preparation of the EA, the NRC staff consulted with the following federal, tribal, and state agencies: the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Regions 6 and 9, the U.S. Department of Energy, the Navajo Nation EPA, and the New Mexico Environment Department. The purpose of this consultation was to request comments on the proposed action; however, none of the agencies identified concerns with the proposed action.

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

Based on its review of the UNC’s license amendment request to revise License Condition 30.B of SUA-1475, the NRC staff expects there to be no significant environmental impacts in connection with the proposed action as the proposed ground water protection standard values, conceptually, pose no incremental hazards to public health and safety. Therefore, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate and preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of April 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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#### **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket Nos. 52-012 and 52-013; NRC-2008-0091]**

#### **Nuclear Innovation North America LLC; South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Combined license application; availability.

**SUMMARY:** On September 20, 2007, South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) submitted to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) an application for combined licenses (COLs) for two additional units (Units 3 and 4) at the South Texas Project (STP) Electric Generating Station site in Matagorda County near Bay City, Texas. The NRC published a notice of receipt and availability for this COL application in the **Federal Register** on December 5, 2007. In a letter dated January 19, 2011, STPNOC notified the NRC that, effective January 24, 2011, Nuclear Innovation North America LLC (NINA) became the lead applicant for STP, Units 3 and 4. This notice is being published to notify the public of the availability of the COL application for STP, Units 3 and 4.

**DATES:** The COL application is available on April 23, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2008-0091 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2008-0091. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto:Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/>

*adams.html*. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. For the convenience of the reader, the ADAMS accession numbers are provided in a table in the “Availability of Documents” section of this document.

• *NRC’s PDR*: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

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of the Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 20, 2007, the NRC received a COL application from STPNOC, filed pursuant to Section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and Part 52 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Licenses, Certifications, and Approvals for Nuclear Power Plants,” to construct and operate two additional units (Units 3 and 4) at the STP Electric Generating Station site in Matagorda County near Bay City, Texas. The additional units are based on the U.S. Advanced Boiling Water Reactor design, which is certified in 10 CFR part 52, appendix A. The NRC published a notice of receipt and availability for an application for a COL in the **Federal Register** on December 5, 2007 (72 FR 68597). In a letter dated January 19, 2011, STPNOC notified the NRC that, effective January 24, 2011, NINA became the lead applicant for

STP, Units 3 and 4. As such, NINA assumed responsibility for the design, construction and licensing of STP, Units 3 and 4. The application is currently under review by the NRC.

An applicant may seek a COL in accordance with Subpart C of 10 CFR part 52. The information submitted by the applicant includes certain administrative information, such as financial qualifications submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 52.77, as well as technical information submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 52.79. This notice is being provided in accordance with the requirements in 10 CFR 50.43(a)(3).

#### Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through the ADAMS Public Documents collection. A copy of the COL application is also available for public inspection at the NRC’s PDR and at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/new-reactors/col.html>.

Document	ADAMS Accession No.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application, Revision 0, September 20, 2007 .....	ML072830407.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Supplement to Combined License Application “Safeguards Information,” Part 8, Revision 0, September 26, 2007.	ML072740461.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Supplement to Combined License Application Revision 0, October 15, 2007 .....	ML072960352.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Supplement to Combined License Application Revision 0, October 18, 2007 .....	ML072960489.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Supplement to Combined License Application Revision 0, November 13, 2007 .....	ML073200992.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Supplement to Combined License Application Revision 0, November 21, 2007 .....	ML073310616.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application, Revision 1, January 31, 2008 .....	ML080700399.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Submittal of Supplement to Combined License Application “Safeguards Information,” Part 8, Revision 1, January 31, 2008.	ML080420090.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application, Revision 2, September 24, 2008 .....	ML082830938.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Submittal of Supplement to Combined License Application “Safeguards Information,” Part 8, Revision 2, September 24, 2008.	ML082730700.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Submittal of Combined License Application, “Proprietary Information,” Part 10, Revision 2, December 11, 2008.	ML083530131.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application, Revision 3, September 16, 2009 .....	ML092930393.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Submittal of Supplement to Combined License Application “Safeguards Information,” Part 8, Revision 3, July 15, 2010.	ML102010268.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application, Revision 4, October 5, 2010 .....	ML102861292.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Submittal of Supplement to Combined License Application “Safeguards Information,” Part 8, Revision 4, February 3, 2011.	ML110400425.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Update to Change in Lead Applicant, January 19, 2011 .....	ML110250369.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application, Revision 5, January 26, 2011 .....	ML110340451.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Submittal of Supplement to Combined License Application “Safeguards Information,” Part 8, Revision 5, August 30, 2011.	ML11243A171.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application, Revision 6, August 30, 2011 .....	ML11252A505.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application, Revision 7, February 1, 2012 .....	ML12048A714.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application, Revision 8, September 17, 2012 .....	ML12291A415.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application, Revision 9, April 17, 2013 .....	ML13115A094.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application, Revision 10, October 29, 2013 .....	ML13310A599.
South Texas Project, Units 3 and 4, Combined License Application, Revision 11, October 21, 2014 .....	ML14307A876.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of April 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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