

**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

*Name and Committee Code:* Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering Meeting (AC-ISE) (#25104).

*Date and Time:* Monday, October 29, 2018; 9:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (EDT), Tuesday, October 30, 2018; 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (EDT).

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

To help facilitate your entry into the NSF building, please contact Victoria Fung ([vfung@nsf.gov](mailto:vfung@nsf.gov)) on or prior to October 24, 2018.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Simona Gilbert, AC-ISE Executive Secretary and Staff Associate for Budget, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314; Telephone: 703-292-8710.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice, recommendations and counsel on major goals and policies pertaining to international programs and activities.

**Agenda**

- Updates on OISE activities
- Discussion on International Strategic Plan Working Group
- Updates on MULTIplying Impact Leveraging International Expertise in Research (MULTIPLIER)
- Updates on IRES Evaluation
- Discussion on International Strategic Plan
- Meet with NSF leadership

Dated: September 12, 2018.

**Crystal Robinson**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. 72-58 and 50-263; NRC-2018-0207]

**Xcel Energy, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant; Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Exemption; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an

exemption in response to a request submitted by Xcel Energy on October 18, 2017, from meeting Technical Specification (TS) 1.2.5 of Attachment A of Certificate of Compliance (CoC) No. 1004, Amendment No. 10, which requires that all dry shielded canister (DSC) closure welds, except those subjected to full volumetric inspection, be dye penetrant tested in accordance with the requirements of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Boiler and Pressure Vessel (B&PV) Code Section III, Division 1, Article NB-5000. This exemption applies to five loaded Standardized NUHOMS® 61BTH, Dry Shielded Canisters (DSCs) 11 through 15, at the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant (MNGP) Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (ISFSI).

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2018-0207 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 Website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2018-0207. Address questions about Docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: [Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual(s) 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 is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in this document. In addition, 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christian Jacobs, Office of Nuclear

Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-6825; email: [Christian.Jacobs@nrc.gov](mailto:Christian.Jacobs@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

Northern States Power Company-Minnesota, doing business as Xcel Energy (Xcel Energy, or the applicant) is the holder of Renewed Facility Operating License No. DPR-22, which authorizes operation of the MNGP, Unit No. 1, in Wright County, Minnesota, pursuant to part 50 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities." The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the NRC now or hereafter in effect.

Consistent with 10 CFR part 72, subpart K, "General License for Storage of Spent Fuel at Power Reactor Sites," a general license is issued for the storage of spent fuel in an ISFSI at power reactor sites to persons authorized to possess or operate nuclear power reactors under 10 CFR part 50. The applicant is authorized to operate a nuclear power reactor under 10 CFR part 50, and holds a 10 CFR part 72 general license for storage of spent fuel at the MNGP ISFSI. Under the terms of the general license, the applicant stores spent fuel at its ISFSI using the TN Americas LLC Standardized NUHOMS® dry cask storage system in accordance with CoC No. 1004, Amendments No. 9 and No. 10. As part of the dry storage system, the DSC (of which the closure welds are an integral part) ensures that the dry storage system can meet the functions of criticality safety, confinement boundary, shielding, structural support, and heat transfer.

**II. Request/Action**

The applicant has requested an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 72.212(a)(2), 10 CFR 72.212(b)(3), 10 CFR 72.212(b)(5)(i), 10 CFR 72.212(b)(11), and 10 CFR 72.214 that require compliance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of CoC No. 1004, Amendment No. 10, for the Standardized NUHOMS® Horizontal Modular Storage System, to allow continued storage of DSCs 11-15 in their respective Horizontal Storage Modules (HSMs). This would permit the continued storage of those five DSCs for the service life of the canisters. Specifically, the exemption would relieve the applicant from meeting TS 1.2.5 of Attachment A of CoC No. 1004 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17338A114),