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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Your participation during the public comment period provides an opportunity for us to hear from you—individuals, businesses, providers, educators, parents and advocates. Your comments are important in bringing attention to the issues in your community. Priority will be given to in-person attendees. Each person will be given 3 minutes to present comment. If you are presenting as a group and prefer to choose a spokesperson, your group representative will be given 6 minutes to provide comment. Any individual interested in providing public comment is asked to register their intent to provide comment in advance by sending an email to [PublicComment@ncd.gov](mailto:PublicComment@ncd.gov) with the subject line “Public Comment” with your name, organization, state, and topic of comment included in the body of your email. Full-length written public comments may also be sent to that email address. To ensure your comments are accurately reflected and become part of the public record, NCD requests electronic submission prior to Friday, July 12, 2019, or immediately after the meeting to [PublicComment@ncd.gov](mailto:PublicComment@ncd.gov).

**CONTACT PERSON:** Anne Sommers, NCD, 1331 F Street NW, Suite 850, Washington, DC 20004; 202-272-2004 (V), 202-272-2074 (TTY), or [asommers@ncd.gov](mailto:asommers@ncd.gov).

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** To ensure appropriate accommodations are provided, please send an email to Anthony Simpson at [asimpson.cntr@ncd.gov](mailto:asimpson.cntr@ncd.gov) no later than July 12, indicating “Accommodations” in the subject line. An assistive listening system, computer assisted real-time transcription, and sign language interpreters will be available. A CART streamtext link has been arranged for this meeting. The web link to access CART (in English) on Monday, July 15, 2019 is: <http://www.streamtext.net/player?event=NCD-QUARTERLY>.

To help reduce exposure to fragrances for those with multiple chemical sensitivities, NCD requests that all those

attending the meeting in person refrain from wearing scented personal care products such as perfumes, hairsprays, and deodorants. Flash photography and video documentation may occur during the meeting. Please alert staff if you are affected by photo sensitivity. Attendance at the meeting indicates consent to be photographed and recorded for NCD public affairs activities.

Due to last-minute confirmations or cancellations, NCD may substitute agenda items without advance public notice.

Dated: June 26, 2019.

**Sharon M. Lisa Grubb,**  
*Executive Director.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Before Administrative Judges: Ronald M. Spritzer, Chairman, Nicholas G. Trikouros, Dr. Sekazi K. Mtingwa

In the Matter of NEXTERA ENERGY SEABROOK, LLC, (Seabrook Station, Unit 1).

Docket No. 50-443-LA-2

ASLBP No. 17-953-02-LA-BD01

June 25, 2019

### Notice of Hearing

*(Notice of Evidentiary Hearing and Opportunity To Provide Oral and Written Limited Appearance Statements)*

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.312, the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) hereby provides notice that it will convene an evidentiary session to receive testimony and exhibits in the contested portion of this proceeding. In addition, the Board gives notice that, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.315(a), it will entertain oral and written limited appearance statements from members of the public in connection with this proceeding.

### I. Background of Proceeding

This proceeding arises from a license amendment request (LAR) filed by NextEra Energy Seabrook, LLC (NextEra),<sup>1</sup> concerning the operating

<sup>1</sup> License Amendment Request 16-03, Revise Current Licensing Basis to Adopt a Methodology for the Analysis of Seismic Category I Structures with Concrete Affected by Alkali-Silica Reaction, 1-3 of 73 (unnumbered) (Aug. 1, 2016) (ADAMS Accession No. ML16216A240) [hereinafter Original LAR].

NextEra supplemented the Original LAR on September 30, 2016, (ADAMS Accession No. ML16279A048), October 3, 2017 (ADAMS

license for Seabrook Station, Unit 1 (Seabrook), located in Seabrook, New Hampshire. The LAR sought to revise the Unit 1 Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) to include methods for analyzing the impact of concrete degradation caused by an alkali-silica reaction (ASR) affecting Seismic Category I reinforced concrete structures.<sup>2</sup> The LAR includes a monitoring program comprised of: (1) “Periodic measurement of ASR expansion” (ASR Expansion Monitoring); and (2) “periodic inspections of ASR-affected structures to identify and trend building deformation” (Structural Deformation Monitoring).<sup>3</sup> C-10 Research and Education Foundation (C-10) filed a petition challenging the LAR, which included ten contentions.<sup>4</sup>

In LBP-17-7, the Board concluded that C-10 had standing and admitted five contentions, three of which it narrowed from C-10’s original proposal.<sup>5</sup> The Board reformulated the contentions into a single contention, finding that the reformulated contention met the NRC’s admissibility requirements.<sup>6</sup> The contention the Board admitted—comprised of Contentions A, B, C, D, and H—is as follows:

The large-scale test program, undertaken for NextEra at the [Ferguson Structural Engineering Laboratory], has yielded data that are not “representative” of the progression of ASR at Seabrook. As a result, the proposed monitoring, acceptance criteria, and inspection intervals are not adequate.<sup>7</sup>

### II. Matters To Be Considered

The evidentiary hearing will concern the Board’s single reformulated contention. Each element of the reformulated contention relates to C-10’s central challenge to the representative nature of the large-scale test program conducted at the Ferguson

Accession No. ML17277A337), October 17, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17291B136), December 11, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17345A641), and June 7, 2018 (ADAMS Accession No. ML18158A540). Collectively, the Original LAR and all supplements, plus all enclosures and attachments constitute the “LAR.”

<sup>2</sup> See Original LAR Enclosure 7, “NextEra Energy Seabrook’s Evaluation of the Proposed Change (Non-Proprietary),” (unnumbered) (undated) at p. 7 of 73.

<sup>3</sup> Original LAR § 3.5.

<sup>4</sup> C-10 Research and Education Foundation, Inc. Petition for Leave to Intervene: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Docket No. 50-443 at 2-3 (April 10, 2017).

<sup>5</sup> LBP-17-7, 86 NRC 59, 68 (2017).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at 89-90.

<sup>7</sup> *Id.* at 90. The Board concluded that C-10’s other contentions were inadmissible. *Id.* at 131-37.

Structural Engineering Laboratory (FSEL). The test program, along with available scientific literature, forms the basis of the license amendment request submitted by NextEra that accounts for the effects of ASR in the design basis of seismic Category I reinforced concrete structures at Seabrook.

### III. Date, Time, and Location for Evidentiary Hearing

The evidentiary hearing will commence on the following date at the specified location and time:

*Date:* Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

*Time:* 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., EDT.

*Location:* Newburyport City Hall Auditorium, 60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

The hearing will continue from day-to-day through Friday, September 27, 2019, if necessary.

Members of the public and representatives of the media are welcome to attend and observe this evidentiary hearing, which will involve technical, scientific, and legal questions and testimony. Participation in the hearing will be limited to the parties, their lawyers, and witnesses. Please be aware that security measures may be employed at the entrance to the facility, including searches of hand-carried items such as briefcases or backpacks. No signs, banners, posters, or other displays will be permitted in the facility.<sup>8</sup>

### IV. Date, Time, and Location of Oral Limited Appearance Statement Session

One oral limited appearance statement session regarding this evidentiary hearing proceeding will be held on the following date at the specified location and time:

*Date:* Monday, September 23, 2019.

*Time:* 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., EDT.

*Location:* Newburyport City Hall Auditorium, 60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

As required by NRC policy, signs, banners, posters, and displays not larger than 18 inches by 18 inches will be permitted at the oral limited appearance statement session, but may not be waved or held over one's head. Any sign, banner, poster or display affixed to a stick, or similar device, will not be permitted at the oral limited appearance statement session.<sup>9</sup>

All individuals attending the oral limited appearance statement session are advised that security measures may be employed at the entrance to the

facility. All individuals attending the oral limited appearance statement session should bring at least one form of government issued photo identification, refrain from bringing any unnecessary hand-carried items that might need to be examined individually, and allow sufficient time for security screening.

### V. Participation Guidelines for Oral Limited Appearance Statements

Any person not a party or representative of a party to the proceeding will be permitted to make an oral statement on a matter of concern related to the proceeding. Though these statements do not constitute testimony or evidence, they nonetheless may aid the Board and/or the parties in their consideration of the issues involved in the evidentiary hearing.

Oral limited appearance statements will be entertained during the hours specified above. In the event that all scheduled and unscheduled speakers present at the session have made a presentation, the Board reserves the right to terminate the session prior to the ending time listed above.

The time allotted for each limited appearance statement will be five minutes, but may be further limited depending on the number of requests to make an oral statement that are submitted in accordance with section VI below.

### VI. Submitting a Request To Make an Oral Limited Appearance Statement

Although a request to make an oral limited appearance statement may be submitted either prior to or at the limited appearance session, those who have submitted timely written requests before the limited appearance session will be given priority over those who have not filed such requests. To be considered timely, a written request to make an oral statement must either be mailed, faxed, or sent by email so as to be received by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, September 13, 2019.

Written requests to make an oral statement should be submitted to:

*Mail:* Molly Mattison, Law Clerk, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T3 A 27, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

*Fax:* (301) 415-5206 (verification (301) 415-0181).

*Email:* [Molly.Mattison@nrc.gov](mailto:Molly.Mattison@nrc.gov).

### VII. Submitting Written Limited Appearance Statements

As provided in 10 CFR 2.315(a), any person not a party or a representative of a party to the proceeding may submit a written statement setting forth his or her

position on matters of concern related to the proceeding. A written limited appearance statement may be submitted at any time and should be sent to the Office of the Secretary and the Licensing Board Chairman using one of the methods prescribed below:

*Office of the Secretary*

*Mail:* Office of the Secretary, Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

*Fax:* (301) 415-1101 (verification (301) 415-1677).

*Email:* [hearingdocket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearingdocket@nrc.gov).

*Chairman of the Licensing Board*

*Mail:* Administrative Judge Ronald M. Spritzer, Chairman, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, Mail Stop T3 A 27, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

*Fax:* (301) 415-5206 (verification (301) 415-0181).

*Email:* [Molly.Mattison@nrc.gov](mailto:Molly.Mattison@nrc.gov).

### VIII. Availability of Documents

NextEra's application, and various NRC Staff documents relating to the application, are available on the NRC website at <https://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/reactors/seab1.html>. These and other documents relating to this proceeding are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852 or electronically from the publicly-available records component of the NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC website at [www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html](http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html) (the Public Electronic Reading Room).<sup>10</sup> Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC Public Document Room reference staff by telephone at (800) 397-4209 or (301) 415-4737 (available between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday except federal holidays), or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

*It is so ordered.*

For the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, Rockville, Maryland.

<sup>8</sup> See Procedures for Providing Security Support for NRC Public Meetings/Hearings, 66 FR 31,719 (June 12, 2001) [hereinafter Meeting Security Guidelines].

<sup>9</sup> See Meeting Security Guidelines.

<sup>10</sup> Documents which are determined to contain sensitive or proprietary information may only be available in redacted form. All non-sensitive documents are available in their complete form.

June 25, 2019.

**Ronald M. Spritzer,**

*Chairman, Administrative Judge.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2019-0118]

### Refining and Characterizing Heat Release Rates From Electrical Enclosures During Fire

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft NUREG; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft NUREG entitled, "Refining and Characterizing Heat Release Rates from Electrical Enclosures during Fire—Volume 2: Fire Modeling Guidance for Electrical Cabinets, Electric Motors, Indoor Dry Transformers, and the Main Control Board" (NUREG-2178 Volume 2/EPRI 3002016052). This report is a joint product of the NRC and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) collaborating under a memorandum of understanding for fire research. This report describes improved methods that can increase the realism in the modeling of selected ignition sources. The areas further investigated include the treatment of flame radiation and obstructed radiation, fire propagation between adjacent electrical cabinets, heat release rates (HRRs) for electric motors and dry transformers, fire location factor, non-suppression probability floor values, and the modeling of the main control board.

**DATES:** Submit comments by August 27, 2019. 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 before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/> and search for Docket ID NRC-2019-0118. 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 individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory

Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff. For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see "Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David W. Stroup, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301-415-1649, email: [David.Stroup@nrc.gov](mailto:David.Stroup@nrc.gov); or Nicholas.Melly, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, telephone: 301-415-2392, email: [Nicholas.Melly@nrc.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Melly@nrc.gov). Both are staff of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

###### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2019-0118 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/> and search for Docket ID NRC-2019-0118.
- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, 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 draft NUREG entitled "Refining and Characterizing Heat Release Rates from Electrical Enclosures during Fire—Volume 2: Fire Modeling Guidance for Electrical Cabinets, Electric Motors, Indoor Dry Transformers, and the Main Control Board" is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML19162A406.

- *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.

###### B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC-2019-0118 in your comment submission.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment

submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov/> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

## II. Discussion

In 2005, the EPRI and the NRC's Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research issued a joint technical report NUREG/CR-6850 (EPRI 1011989), *EPRI/NRC-RES Fire PRA Methodology for Nuclear Power Facilities*. This publication documented state-of-the-art methods, tools, and data for conducting a fire probabilistic risk assessment (PRA) for a commercial nuclear power plant application. Following this publication, many utilities developed Fire PRAs using the guidance in NUREG/CR-6850 (EPRI 1011989) to support risk informed applications, including the transition to National Fire Protection Association Standard 805 among others. The results obtained from the Fire PRA models have suggested specific elements in the fire scenario analysis where improved methods and/or guidance can reduce conservatism and increase realism in the risk estimates. Consequently, over the past fifteen years, fire PRA research covering the areas of fire ignition frequencies (e.g., NUREG-2169 (EPRI 3002002936)), fire modeling (e.g., NUREG-2178 (EPRI 3002005578)), human reliability analysis (NUREG-1921 (EPRI 1023001)), and spurious operations (e.g., NUREG/CR-7150) have been published and made available to the industry.

The first volume of NUREG-2178 (EPRI 3002005578) was published in April of 2016. This document included methods focused on refining the modeling of fires in electrical cabinets, including updated HRR probability distributions and an obstructed fire plume model. During drafting of NUREG-2178 volume 1 (EPRI 3002005578), the joint NRC/EPRI working group authoring the document identified additional methods to further refine the modeling of selected ignition sources within the fire PRA for inclusion in a second volume. As in the