

exemption would not result in any potential impacts to common defense and security.

For these reasons, the NRC staff has determined that under the requested exemption, the storage system will continue to meet the safety requirements of 10 CFR part 72 and the offsite dose limits of 10 CFR part 20 and, therefore, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security.

### *C. The Exemption is Otherwise in the Public Interest*

The proposed exemption would allow the nine already loaded MPC-37-CBS in the HI-STORM FW MPC Storage System to remain in storage at the CCNPP ISFSI, and allow Constellation to load six MPC-37-CBS in the HI-STORM FW MPC Storage System beginning in July 2024 at the CCNPP ISFSI, even though the CBS variant basket design is not part of the approved CoC No. 1032, Amendment No. 1, Revision No. 1. According to Constellation, the exemption is in the public interest because unloading fuel from already loaded canisters and not being able to load fuel into dry storage in the future loading campaign would impact Constellation's ability to offload fuel from the CCNPP reactor units, consequently impacting continued safe reactor operation. The reflooding of the MPCs, removal of fuel assemblies, and replacement into a different MPC would result in additional doses and handling operations with no added safety benefit. In addition, future loading campaigns would need to be delayed until older design canisters can be fabricated and delivered to the site.

Constellation stated that to unload already loaded MPC-37-CBS or delay the future loading campaign would impact the ability to effectively manage the margin to full core discharge capability in the CCNPP Units 1 and 2 spent fuel pools. The low spent fuel pool capability would make it difficult to refuel and present potential risks to fuel handling operations during pre- and post-outage. In addition, a crowded spent fuel pool would challenge the decay heat removal demand of the pool and increase the likelihood of a loss of fuel pool cooling event and a fuel handling accident. It could also result in higher dose to divers routinely performing underwater maintenance on the spent fuel pool fuel transfer system. Furthermore, CCNPP planned the cask loading campaigns years in advance based on availability of the specialized workforce and equipment that is shared throughout the Constellation fleet. These specialty resources support

competing priorities including refueling outages, loading campaigns, fuel pool cleanouts, fuel inspections, fuel handling equipment upgrade and maintenance, fuel shpping, new fuel receipt, and crane maintenance and upgrades. Any delays would have a cascading impact on other scheduled specialized activities.

For the reasons described by Constellation in the exemption request, the NRC agrees that it is in the public interest to grant the exemption. If the exemption is not granted, in order to comply with the CoC, Constellation would have to unload MPC-37-CBS from the HI-STORM FW MPC Storage System at the CCNPP ISFSI and reload into the older design MPC-37 to restore compliance with terms, conditions, and specifications of the CoC. This would subject onsite personnel to additional radiation exposure, increase the risk of a possible fuel handling accident, and increase the risk of a possible heavy load handling accident. Furthermore, the removed spent fuel would need to be placed in the spent fuel pool until it can be loaded into another storage cask or remain in the spent fuel pool if it is not permitted to be loaded into casks for the future loading campaign. As described by Constellation, this scenario would affect Constellation's ability to effectively manage the spent pool capacity and reactor fuel offloading at CCNPP. In addition, the rescheduling of the specialized resources for the future loading campaign would impact the operations of CCNPP and other Constellation sites.

Therefore, the staff concludes that approving the exemption is in the public interest.

### Environmental Consideration

The NRC staff also considered whether there would be any significant environmental impacts associated with the exemption. For this proposed action, the NRC staff performed an environmental assessment pursuant to 10 CFR 51.30. The environmental assessment concluded that the proposed action would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. The NRC staff concluded that the proposed action would not result in any changes in the types or amounts of any radiological or non-radiological effluents that may be released offsite, and there would be no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure because of the proposed action. The environmental assessment and the finding of no significant impact was published on May 20, 2024 (89 FR 43878).

### IV. Conclusion

Based on these considerations, the NRC has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.7, the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the NRC grants Constellation an exemption from the requirements of §§ 72.212(a)(2), 72.212(b)(3), 72.212(b)(5)(i), 72.212(b)(11), and 72.214 with respect to the ongoing storage of nine MPC-37-CBS in the HI-STORM FW MPC Storage System and a future loading in the HI-STORM FW MPC Storage System of six new MPC-37-CBS beginning in July 2024.

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated: May 20, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-10; NRC-2024-0086]

#### **Northern States Power Company; Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation; License Amendment Application**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Opportunity to request a hearing and to petition for leave to intervene.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received a license amendment application from Northern States Power Company (NSPM) for an amendment to Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM-2506 for the Prairie Island Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation (PI ISFSI) located in Welch, Minnesota. The amendment request seeks to change License Conditions 23(a), 24(A)(2), and 24(B)(2). The subject license conditions are management activities with specified inspection intervals of three months or one quarter. The inspection intervals are "not to exceed every quarter" for license condition 23 and "not to exceed three months" for license condition 24. This is inconsistent with similar independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI) technical specifications (TS) surveillance requirements (SRs), for example, SR

3.1.4.1 and SR 3.1.4.2, which give the frequency as 92 days, and ISFSI TS SR 3.0.2, which allows up to 1.25 times the interval specified in the frequency. NSPM proposes to revise the license conditions to describe the inspection intervals similar to TS Surveillance Requirement Frequency, allowing up to 1.25 times the specified intervals to account for scheduling challenges, including but not limited to periods of extreme cold weather or other high-priority plant activities.

**DATES:** A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed by July 29, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2024-0086 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 <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2024-0086. Address questions about Docket IDs in [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@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 <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, at 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.

- *NRC's PDR:* The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of publicly available documents, is open by appointment. To make an appointment to visit the PDR, please send an email to [PDR.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:PDR.Resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. eastern time (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John-Chau Nguyen, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-0262; email: [John-Chau.Nguyen@nrc.gov](mailto:John-Chau.Nguyen@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## I. Introduction

The NRC received, by letter dated April 2, 2024 (ADAMS Accession No. ML24095A075), a license amendment application from NSPM, to amend Special Nuclear Materials License No. SNM-2506, which authorizes the storage of spent fuel at the PI ISFSI located in Welch, Minnesota. Specifically, the proposed amendment, if approved, would allow NSPM to perform inspections with intervals similar to TS Surveillance Requirement Frequency, allowing up to 1.25 times the specified intervals. An interval extension period will provide flexibility to schedule the inspections around typical challenges, including but not limited to inclement weather, security drills, and refueling outages. The proposed changes to the inspection intervals in the subject license conditions also make them more consistent with the ISFSI TS.

An NRC administrative completeness review, documented in a letter to NSPM dated May 16, 2024 (ADAMS Accession No. ML24128A257), found the application acceptable to begin a technical review.

Before any issuance of the proposed amendment, the NRC will need to make the findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the NRC's regulations. The NRC's findings will be documented in a safety evaluation report. In the amendment request, NSPM asserted that the proposed amendment satisfies the categorical exclusion criteria of paragraph 51.22(c)(11) of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR). The NRC will evaluate this assertion and make findings consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act and 10 CFR part 51.

## II. Opportunity To Request a Hearing and Petition for Leave To Intervene

Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, any person (petitioner) whose interest may be affected by this action may file a request for a hearing and petition for leave to intervene (petition) with respect to the action. Petitions shall be filed in accordance with the NRC's "Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult 10 CFR 2.309. If a petition is filed, the presiding officer will rule on the petition and, if appropriate, a notice of a hearing will be issued.

Petitions must be filed no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in accordance with the filing instructions in the "Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)" section of this

document. Petitions and motions for leave to file new or amended contentions that are filed after the deadline will not be entertained absent a determination by the presiding officer that the filing demonstrates good cause by satisfying the three factors in 10 CFR 2.309(c)(1)(i) through (iii).

A State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof, may submit a petition to the Commission to participate as a party under 10 CFR 2.309(h) no later than 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. Alternatively, a State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or agency thereof may participate as a non-party under 10 CFR 2.315(c).

For information about filing a petition and about participation by a person not a party under 10 CFR 2.315, see ADAMS Accession No. ML20340A053 (<https://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/webSearch2/main.jsp?AccessionNumber=ML20340A053>) and on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/adjudicatory/hearing.html#participate>.

## III. Electronic Submissions (E-Filing)

All documents filed in NRC adjudicatory proceedings, including documents filed by an interested State, local governmental body, Federally recognized Indian Tribe, or designated agency thereof that requests to participate under 10 CFR 2.315(c), must be filed in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302. The E-Filing process requires participants to submit and serve all adjudicatory documents over the internet, or in some cases, to mail copies on electronic storage media, unless an exemption permitting an alternative filing method, as further discussed, is granted. Detailed guidance on electronic submissions is located in the "Guidance for Electronic Submissions to the NRC" (ADAMS Accession No. ML13031A056) and on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>.

To comply with the procedural requirements of E-Filing, at least 10 days prior to the filing deadline, the participant should contact the Office of the Secretary by email at [Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov](mailto:Hearing.Docket@nrc.gov), or by telephone at 301-415-1677, to (1) request a digital identification (ID) certificate, which allows the participant (or its counsel or representative) to digitally sign submissions and access the E-Filing system for any proceeding in which it is participating; and (2) advise the Secretary that the participant will be submitting a petition or other

adjudicatory document (even in instances in which the participant, or its counsel or representative, already holds an NRC-issued digital ID certificate). Based upon this information, the Secretary will establish an electronic docket for the proceeding if the Secretary has not already established an electronic docket.

Information about applying for a digital ID certificate is available on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals/getting-started.html>. After a digital ID certificate is obtained and a docket created, the participant must submit adjudicatory documents in Portable Document Format. Guidance on submissions is available on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/electronic-sub-ref-mat.html>. A filing is considered complete at the time the document is submitted through the NRC's E-Filing system. To be timely, an electronic filing must be submitted to the E-Filing system no later than 11:59 p.m. ET on the due date. Upon receipt of a transmission, the E-Filing system time-stamps the document and sends the submitter an email confirming receipt of the document. The E-Filing system also distributes an email that provides access to the document to the NRC's Office of the General Counsel and any others who have advised the Office of the Secretary that they wish to participate in the proceeding, so that the filer need not serve the document on those participants separately. Therefore, applicants and other participants (or their counsel or representative) must apply for and receive a digital ID certificate before adjudicatory documents are filed to obtain access to the documents via the E-Filing system.

A person filing electronically using the NRC's adjudicatory E-Filing system may seek assistance by contacting the NRC's Electronic Filing Help Desk through the "Contact Us" link located on the NRC's public website at <https://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>, by email to [MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:MSHD.Resource@nrc.gov), or by a toll-free call at 1-866-672-7640. The NRC Electronic Filing Help Desk is available between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Participants who believe that they have good cause for not submitting documents electronically must file an exemption request, in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(g), with their initial paper filing stating why there is good cause for not filing electronically and requesting authorization to continue to submit documents in paper format. Such filings must be submitted in accordance with 10 CFR 2.302(b)-(d). Participants filing

adjudicatory documents in this manner are responsible for serving their documents on all other participants. Participants granted an exemption under 10 CFR 2.302(g)(2) must still meet the electronic formatting requirement in 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1), unless the participant also seeks and is granted an exemption from 10 CFR 2.302(g)(1).

Documents submitted in adjudicatory proceedings will appear in the NRC's electronic hearing docket, which is publicly available at <https://adams.nrc.gov/ehd>, unless excluded pursuant to an order of the presiding officer. If you do not have an NRC-issued digital ID certificate as previously described, click "cancel" when the link requests certificates and you will be automatically directed to the NRC's electronic hearing docket where you will be able to access any publicly available documents in a particular hearing docket. Participants are requested not to include personal privacy information such as social security numbers, home addresses, or personal phone numbers in their filings unless an NRC regulation or other law requires submission of such information. With respect to copyrighted works, except for limited excerpts that serve the purpose of the adjudicatory filings and would constitute a Fair Use application, participants should not include copyrighted materials in their submission.

Dated: May 21, 2024.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**

**President's Commission on White House Fellowships Advisory Committee: Closed Meeting**

**AGENCY:** President's Commission on White House Fellowships, Office of Personnel Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Commission on White House Fellowships (PCWHF) was established by an executive order in 1964. The PCWHF is an advisory committee composed of Special Government Employees appointed by the President. The Advisory Committee meets in late May/early June to interview potential candidates for

recommendation to become a White House Fellow. The meeting is closed to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosemarie Vela, 712 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503, Phone: 202-395-4522.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Name of Committee:* President's Commission on White House Fellowships Selection Weekend.

*Date:* May 30—June 2, 2024.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

*Place:* St. Regis Hotel, 923 Black Lives Matter Plaza NW, Washington, DC 20006.

*Agenda:* The Commission will interview 30 National Finalists for the selection of the new class of White House Fellows.

*Authority:* Executive Orders 11183 and 14109

Office of Personnel Management.

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**POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket Nos. MC2024-306 and CP2024-314; MC2024-307 and CP2024-315; MC2024-308 and CP2024-316]**

**New Postal Products**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is noticing a recent Postal Service filing for the Commission's consideration concerning a negotiated service agreement. This notice informs the public of the filing, invites public comment, and takes other administrative steps.

**DATES:** *Comments are due:* May 29, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically via the Commission's Filing Online system at <http://www.prc.gov>. Those who cannot submit comments electronically should contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by telephone for advice on filing alternatives.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David A. Trissell, General Counsel, at 202-789-6820.

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