

ANSI/UL 1418 Implosion-Protected Cathode-Ray Tubes for Television-Type Appliances
 UL 1459 Telephone Equipment
 ANSI/UL 1484 Residential Gas Detectors
 ANSI/UL 1571 Incandescent Lighting Fixtures
 UL 1604 Electrical Equipment for Use in Class I and II, Division 2 and Class III Hazardous (Classified) Locations
 ANSI/UL 1950 Information Technology Equipment Including Electrical Business Equipment
 UL 2601-1 Medical Electrical Equipment, Part 1: General Requirements for Safety
 UL 3101-1 Electrical Equipment for Laboratory Use; Part 1: General Requirements
 UL 3111-1 Electrical Measuring and Test Equipment, Part 1: General

A copy of SGS' September 3, 1998 letter to OSHA is available for inspection and duplication at the Docket Office, Room N2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. The letter will be available under Docket No. NRTL-2-90, the permanent record of public information on SGS' recognition.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 8th day of December, 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-4]

Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Materials License SNM-2503; Duke Power Company; Oconee Nuclear Station Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has issued Amendment 5 to Materials License No. SNM-2503 held by Duke Power Company for the receipt, possession, storage, and transfer of spent fuel at the Oconee independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI), located in Seneca, South Carolina. The amendment is effective as of the date of issuance.

By application dated January 19, 1998, Duke Power Company requested an amendment to revise Materials License SNM-2503 and the Technical Specifications for the Oconee ISFSI to change its corporate name from Duke Power Company to Duke Energy Corporation.

This amendment 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.

In accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(2), a determination has been made that the amendment does not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected. Therefore, the publication of a notice of proposed action and an opportunity for hearing or a notice of hearing is not warranted. Notice is hereby given of the right of interested persons to request a hearing by December 31, 1998, on whether the action should be rescinded or modified.

The Commission has determined that the issuance of the amendment meets the criteria for a categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10)(ii) of the regulations. Therefore, an environmental assessment need not be prepared in connection with issuance of the amendment.

Documents related to this action are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room located at the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of November 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William F. Kane,

Director, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8681-MLA-5; ASLBP No. 99-758-02-MLA]

International Uranium (USA) Corporation; Designation of Presiding Officer

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717 and 2.1207 (1998) of the Commission's Regulations, a single member of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel is hereby designated to rule on petitions for leave to intervene and/or requests for hearing and, if necessary, to serve as the Presiding Officer to conduct an informal adjudicatory hearing in the following proceeding.

International Uranium (USA) Corporation (IUSA) (Request for Material License Amendment)

The hearing, if granted, will be conducted pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Subpart L of the Commission's Regulations, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings." This proceeding concerns requests for hearing submitted by the State of Utah, Envirocare of Utah, Inc., the Navajo Utah Commission of the Navajo Nation Council of San Juan County, Utah, the Concerned Citizens of San Juan County, Utah, and Ken Sleight in response to a notice of receipt of an application of the International Uranium (USA) Corporation to amend its license. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 63 Fed. Reg. 59340 (November 3, 1998).

The Presiding Officer in this proceeding is Administrative Judge Peter B. Bloch. Pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR § 2.722 (1998), Administrative Judge Richard F. Cole has been appointed to assist the Presiding Officer in taking evidence and in preparing a suitable record for review.

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with Judge Bloch and Judge Cole in accordance with 10 CFR 2.1203. Their addresses are:

Administrative Judge Peter B. Bloch,
 Presiding Officer, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555;
 Dr. Richard F. Cole, Special Assistant, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of December 1998.

B. Paul Cotter, Jr.,

Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-443]

North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation, et al.; Notice of Withdrawal of Applications for Amendments to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has permitted North Atlantic Energy Service Corporation's (NAESCO) withdrawal of

its April 3, 1998, and April 22, 1998, applications for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License No. NPF-86 for the Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1, located in Seabrook Township, Rockingham County.

The proposed amendments would have revised the Technical Specifications to change the interval of a variety of surveillance tests from 18 months to 24 months including the corresponding administrative changes. The applications for the proposed amendments identified the license amendment requests as LAR 98-02 and LAR 98-04.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on April 22, 1998, (63 FR 19974) and on June 3, 1998, (63 FR 30265). However, by letter dated October 14, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed changes.

For further details with respect to this action, see the applications for amendments dated April 3, 1998 and April 22, 1998, and the licensee's letter dated October 14, 1998, which withdrew the applications for license amendments. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Exeter Public Library, Founders Park, Exeter, NH 03833.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John Harrison,

Project Manager, Project Directorate I-3, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation; Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station; Issuance of Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

[Docket No. 50-271]

Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, has acted on a Petition for action under 10 CFR 2.206 received from Mr. Jonathan Block on May 27, 1998, and supplemented on June 9, 1998, concerning the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station.

The Petition requests that the Commission take immediate enforcement action by suspending the

operating license for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, operated by the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation, until the entire facility has been subjected to an independent safety analysis review similar to the one conducted at the Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station. As an alternative, Petitioner requests that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) immediately act to modify the operating license for the facility by requiring that before restart (1) Vermont Yankee management certify under oath that all backup safety systems and all security systems are fully operable and that all safety systems and security systems meet and comply with NRC requirements; (2) Vermont Yankee be held to compliance with all of the restart criteria and protocols in the NRC [Inspection] Manual; (3) Vermont Yankee only be allowed to resume operations after the NRC has conducted a "vertical slice" examination of the degree to which the new design-basis documents (DBDs) and the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) accurately describe at least two of the primary safety systems for the Vermont Yankee reactor; (4) once operation resumes Vermont Yankee only be allowed to continue operation for as long as it adheres to its schedule for coming into compliance and completing the DBD and the FSAR projects; and (5) the NRC hold a public hearing to discuss the changes to the torus, the Vermont Yankee DBD and FSAR projects, and Vermont Yankee's scheduled completion of these projects in relation to operational safety.

As a basis for the request, the Petitioner raised concerns about the operation of the Vermont Yankee facility, including challenges to the single-failure criterion, inadequate safety evaluations, potential over-reliance on Yankee Atomic Electric Company analyses, an inadequate operational experience review program, high potential for other serious safety problems, and lack of adequate perimeter security. The Petitioner also attached four documents prepared by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS). One UCS document, dated May 14, 1998, provided a review of Vermont Yankee daily event reports (DERs) made over the previous year as requested by the Citizens Awareness Network, Inc., (CAN). These DERs are verbal reports made by licensees under 10 CFR 50.72 to the NRC and put in written form by the NRC. Another UCS document, dated January 29, 1998, was addressed to the NRC Region I Senior Allegation Coordinator; it discussed a specific

concern with NRC DER 33545 of January 15, 1998, associated with Vermont Yankee water hammer effects on certain systems. The third document, a UCS letter dated May 5, 1997, to the NRC Chairman and Commissioners, discussed mis-located fuel bundle loading errors. The final UCS document attached was titled "Potential Nuclear Safety Hazard Reactor Operation With Failed Fuel Cladding," dated April 2, 1998. In the supplement of June 9, 1998, Petitioner asserted that the event on June 9, 1998, at Vermont Yankee indicated a lack of reasonable assurance that safety-related systems at Vermont Yankee will perform adequately.

The Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has determined that the request should be denied for the reasons stated in the "Director's Decision Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206" (DD-98-13), the complete text of which follows this notice and which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555-0001, and at the Local Public Document Room located at the Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301.

As provided in 10 CFR 2.206(c) a copy of this Decision will be filed with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission's review. This Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after issuance unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes review of the Decision within that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samuel J. Collins,

Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

Director's Decision Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206

[DD-98-13]

I. Introduction

By a Petition submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 on May 27, 1998, Mr. Jonathan M. Block, on behalf of the Citizens Awareness Network, Inc. (CAN or Petitioner), requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take immediate action with regard to the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station operated by the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (licensee or Vermont Yankee). By letter dated June 9, 1998, Petitioner supplemented the Petition.

In the Petition of May 27, 1998, the Petitioner requested that the NRC take immediate enforcement action by