

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Washington Public Power System Nuclear Project No. 2 dated December 1981.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on June 4, 1999, the staff consulted with the Washington State official, Mr. Crowley of the Department of Health, State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated May 7, 1999, which is 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 Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Street, Richland, Washington 99352.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of June 1999.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jack Cushing,

Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate IV & Decommissioning Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

[FR Doc. 99-17430 Filed 7-8-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Change of Control and About Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Material Licenses, Availability of Draft NUREG

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of Availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: NRC is announcing the availability of and requesting comment on draft NUREG-1556, Volume 15, "Consolidated Guidance about Materials Licenses: Guidance about Change of Control and about Bankruptcy Involving Byproduct, Source, or Special Nuclear Material Licenses," dated May 1999.

NRC is using Business Process Redesign techniques to redesign its materials licensing process, as described in NUREG-1539, "Methodology and Findings of the NRC's Materials Licensing Process Redesign." A critical element of the new process is consolidating and updating numerous guidance documents into a NUREG-series of reports. This draft NUREG report is the 15th guidance document developed to support an improved materials licensing process.

This guidance is intended for use by applicants, licensees, and NRC staff, and will also be available to Agreement States. This document combines and updates the guidance found in NRC Information Notice 89-25, Rev. 1: "Unauthorized Transfer of Ownership or Control of Licensed Activities"; NRC Information Notice 97-30: "Control of Licensed Material During Reorganizations, Employee-Management Disagreements, and Financial Crises"; and Policy and Guidance Directive 8-11, "NMSS Procedures for Reviewing Declarations of Bankruptcy." Upon publication in final form, the guidance in this report will supersede Policy and Guidance Directive 8-11. This draft report takes a more risk-informed, performance-based approach to evaluating changes of control or bankruptcy of byproduct, source, and special nuclear material licensees, reducing the information (amount and level of detail) needed to properly inform NRC of a change of control or bankruptcy. Note that this document is strictly for public comment and is not for use in preparing or reviewing notifications of changes of control or bankruptcy until it is published in final form. It is being distributed for comment

to encourage public participation in its development.

DATES: The comment period ends October 7, 1999. Comments received after that time will be considered if practicable.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Hand-deliver comments to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:15 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Federal workdays. Comments may also be submitted through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to d1m1@nrc.gov.

Those considering public comment may request a free single copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 15, by writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Mrs. Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Alternatively, submit requests through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to slm2@nrc.gov. A copy of draft NUREG-1556, Volume 15, is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, D.C. 20555-0001.

The Presidential Memorandum dated June 1, 1998, entitled, "Plain Language in Government Writing," directed that the Federal government's writing be in plain language. The NRC requests comments on this licensing guidance NUREG specifically with respect to the clarity and effectiveness of the language used. Comments should be sent to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Sally L. Merchant, Mail Stop TWFN 9-F-31, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555, telephone (301) 415-7874; electronic mail address: slm2@nrc.gov.

Electronic Access

Draft NUREG-1556, Vol. 15 is available electronically by visiting NRC's Home Page (<http://www.nrc.gov/nrc/nucmat.html>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of June, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Patricia K. Holahan,

Acting Chief, Rulemaking and Guidance Branch, Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety, NMSS.

[FR Doc. 99-17431 Filed 7-8-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P