

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to delete license conditions which have been satisfied, revise others to delete parts which are no longer applicable or to revise references, and make editorial changes.

The NRC staff has concluded that a portion of the request, related to the proposed deletion of dates for approved security plans, can not be granted. The basis for the denial is detailed in the Safety Evaluation related to Amendment Nos. 110 and 110 dated August 10, 1999.

By September 20, 1999, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the partial denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date.

A copy of any petitions should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Ms. Pamela B. Stroebel, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Commonwealth Edison Company, P.O. Box 767, Chicago, Illinois 60690-0767, attorney for the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendments dated March 14, 1997, (2) Amendment Nos. 110 and 110 to Facility Operating License Nos. NPR-37 and NPR-66, and (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation and Environmental Assessment.

These 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 Byron Public Library District, 109 N. Franklin, P.O. Box 434, Byron, Illinois 61010.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of August 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Division of Licensing Project Management,  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-754]

### Consideration of License Renewal Request for the General Electric Vallecitos Nuclear Center and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering renewal of Materials License SNM-960 which was issued to the General Electric Vallecitos Nuclear Center on February 8, 1994. The Materials License is for the operation of their Laboratory and General Services Operations facility in Sunol, California. The renewal application requests authorization to receive and possess special nuclear material and to use special nuclear material in research and development activities involving chemical and physical analysis. The license renewal application is dated January 21, 1999, and is available for public inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20555.

Prior to approving the renewal application, NRC will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's regulations. These findings will be documented in a Safety Evaluation Report. The renewal of the licensee will be documented in the issuance of a renewed SNM-960 license.

The NRC hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for renewal of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedure for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules and practice for domestic licensing processing in 10 CFR Part 2. Pursuant to Section 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with Section 2.1205(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of the **Federal Register** notice.

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of Secretary either:

1. By delivery to the Rulemakings and Adjudications Branch of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738; or

2. By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Branch.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements to 10 CFR Part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for

a hearing filed by a person other than the applicant must describe in detail:

1. The interest of the requester in the proceeding;

2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requester should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in Section 2.1205(h).

3. The requester's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

4. The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with Section 2.1205(d).

In accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.1205(f), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail to:

1. The applicant, General Electric Company, Vallecitos Nuclear Center, 6705 Vallecitos Road, (State Route 84) Sunol, California 94586; Attention Mr. Ben Murray; and

2. The NRC staff, by delivering to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Any hearing that is requested and granted will be held in accordance with the NRC's Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Material Licensing Proceedings in 10 CFR Part 2, Subpart L.

For further details with respect to this action see the application for renewal dated January 21, 1999. This document is available for public inspection at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street N.W., Washington, DC 20555. Questions should be referred to the NRC's project manager for the General Electric Vallecitos Nuclear Center, Andrew D. Rayland, at (301) 415-8102.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of August 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Theodore S. Sherr,**

*Chief, Licensing and International Safeguards Branch, Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards, NMSS.*

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