

DATES: The public meeting will be held on January 30, 2014. Additional details regarding the meeting are available in Section II, Public Meeting, of this document.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2013–0254 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2013–0254. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–287–3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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- *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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Drouin, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001; telephone: 301–251–7574; email: Mary.Drouin@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On November 25, 2013 (78 FR 70354), the NRC published for public comment a document entitled, "White Paper on a Conceptual Example of a Proposed Risk Management Regulatory Framework Policy Statement (ADAMS Accession No. ML13273A517)." The conceptual statement would set forth a possible Commission policy regarding the use of a structured decision-making model that results in risk-informed and performance-based defense-in-depth protections to: Ensure appropriate personnel, barriers, and controls to

prevent, contain, and mitigate possible inadvertent exposure to radioactive material according to the hazard present, the relevant scenarios, and the associated uncertainties; and ensure that the risks resulting from the failure of some or all of the established barriers and controls, including human errors, are maintained acceptably low. The white paper is an illustration of the staff's work in progress and is expected to be modified as both internal and external review is solicited and considered.

The public comment period for the white paper would have closed on January 10, 2014, however, the NRC has decided to extend the comment period until February 28, 2014, because it was recognized with the holidays, insufficient time had been given for review and comment.

II. Public Meeting

The NRC staff plans to hold a public meeting on January 30, 2014. The meeting time and location has not yet been set, however, the final agenda and any meeting materials will be posted no fewer than 10 days prior to the meeting on the NRC's public Web site at <http://meetings.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg>. The purpose of this public meeting is for the NRC staff to answer questions, to provide any clarification to the white paper, and to solicit early stakeholder comments. This meeting will be a Category 3 public meeting and stakeholders wishing to provide a presentation should send a request to Mary Drouin at 301–251–7574 or by email to Mary.Drouin@nrc.gov. Presentations must be directly related to providing comments on the white paper (i.e., addressing the questions in the November 25, 2013, **Federal Register** notice). Requests should be sent in as soon as possible; depending on the number of requests, you will be notified if your presentation will be part of the agenda. If you have any questions, contact Mary Drouin at 301–251–7574 or by email to Mary.Drouin@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of January, 2014.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Patrick Madden,

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Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC–2012–0269; Docket Nos. 50–325 and 50–324; License Nos. DPR–71 and DPR–62]

Duke Energy Progress, Inc.; Brunswick Steam Electric Plant, Units 1 and 2

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Issuance of Director's decision.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a Director's Decision on a petition filed by Mr. David Lochbaum, on behalf of the Union of Concerned Scientists; the North Carolina Waste Awareness & Reduction Network; and the Nuclear Information and Resource Service (hereafter referred to as "the petitioner").

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Discussion

The petitioner requested that the NRC take enforcement action in the form of an Order either modifying the Brunswick operating licenses or requiring the licensee to submit amendment requests for these licenses.

The petitioner requested that the NRC take enforcement action in the form of an Order that would result in a new technical specification (TS) safety limits (SLs) and expand the applicability of numerous TS limiting condition for operations related to spent fuel pool (SFP) storage. As the basis for the request, the petitioner asserted that the changes sought would provide better management of the risk from irradiated fuel stored in the SFPs.

The petitioner had a recorded conference call with the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation's Petition's Review Board on August 15, 2012, to discuss and supplement the petition. The NRC has made the official transcript of the August 15, 2012, conference call publicly available online in the NRC's Library at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html> (ADAMS Accession No. ML12234A730).

The NRC sent a copy of the proposed Director's Decision to the petitioner and the licensee for comment on October 23, 2013. The NRC requested the petitioner and the licensee to provide comments within 30 days on any part of the proposed Director's Decision considered erroneous or any issues in the petition that were not addressed. The NRC did not receive any comments.

The Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation has denied the request to take enforcement action in the form of an Order either modifying the Brunswick operating licenses or requiring the licensee to submit amendment requests for these licenses, which would result in a new TS SL and expand the applicability of numerous TS limiting conditions of operation (LCOs) related to SFP storage. The NRC staff reviewed the petitioner's requested actions against the regulatory framework that is in place to determine when TS SLs, LCOs, or design features are required, including the Commission's policy statement on TSs. The NRC staff found no basis for taking enforcement action against the licensee based on the petitioner's concerns. The Director's Decision (DD-13-03) under section 2.206 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), "Requests for Action under this Subpart," explains the reasons for this decision. The complete text is in ADAMS under Accession No. ML13339A590 and is available for inspection at the NRC's

PDR. The NRC will file a copy of the Director's Decision with the Secretary of the Commission for the Commission's review in accordance with 10 CFR 2.206.

As provided for by this regulation, the Director's Decision will constitute the final action of the Commission 25 days after the date of the decision unless the Commission, on its own motion, institutes a review of the Director's Decision in that time.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30 day of December 2013.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2014-0002]

Emergency Planning Exemption Requests for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft interim staff guidance; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is soliciting public comment on its draft Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) NSIR/DP-1SG-02, "Emergency Planning Exemption Requests for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Plants." This document would provide guidance for NRC staff to ensure clear and consistent reviews of requests for exemptions from emergency preparedness regulations and license amendments for defueled station emergency plans submitted by nuclear power plant licensees after permanent cessation of plant operations. Nuclear power plants that have ceased operating and are permanently defueled provide less risk of radiological releases than operating nuclear power plants. Licensees of these decommissioning plants have historically submitted exemption requests based on this lower risk. The ISG also could be used by nuclear power plant licensees when drafting these exemption requests.

DATES: Submit comments by March 11, 2014. 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 comment by any of the following methods (unless

this document describes a different method for submitting comments on a specific subject):

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2014-0002. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-287-3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: 3WFN-06-44M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Accessing Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments

A. Accessing Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2014-0002 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

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