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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of October 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Michele Sampson,
Chief, Spent Fuel Licensing Branch Division
of Spent Fuel Management Office of Nuclear
Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2012-0271]

Expanded River Reconnaissance Paleoliquefaction Study Area

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts that may arise as a result of additional geologic field work for a paleoliquefaction research project. The NRC has determined that there will be no adverse effects to any historic or cultural resources that may be located in the paleoliquefaction study's area of potential effects. The NRC has also concluded that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate.

DATES: October 13, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2012-0271 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 Web site:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0271. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: Carol.Gallagher@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 <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select "ADAMS Public Documents" and then 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, 301-415-4737, or by email to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. The EA and the associated FONSI is publicly available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML15275A424.

- **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:

Thomas Weaver, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2383; email: Thomas.Weaver@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

On November 2, 2012, the NRC issued a FONSI for field work to support paleoliquefaction studies along certain river segments located in Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Virginia. The NRC provided notice of the FONSI and the supporting EA upon which the FONSI was based, in a **Federal Register** notice dated November 7, 2012 (77 FR 66874). The NRC has identified additional river segments in Missouri, Arkansas, and Mississippi where the NRC will conduct additional field work of the same nature described in its 2012 EA. This field work will study geologic features such as sand blows and sand dikes that formed during historic and pre-historic earthquakes as a result of soil liquefaction, which is the process of water pressure increasing in the soil due to cyclic shaking with an associated significant decrease in soil strength. The results from this research will be used to update models implemented in probabilistic seismic hazard analyses, which are used in evaluating sites for new nuclear power reactors to characterize ground motions in accordance with section 100.23(d)(1) of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal*

Regulations (10 CFR). These results may also be used for future seismic hazard evaluations for existing nuclear power reactors.

The NRC has prepared an EA to evaluate the potential environmental impacts that may arise as a result of this research project in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR part 51, the NRC's regulations that implement Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended. Based on the EA, and in accordance with 10 CFR 51.31(a), the NRC has concluded that a FONSI is appropriate. Field work for this project will commence following publication of this Notice.

II. EA Summary

The NRC has prepared the EA to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the field work to be performed along select river segments for this project. In accordance with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the NRC staff requested informal consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. No concerns were identified for Federally listed species or designated critical habitat. This project is temporary, minimally invasive, and will occur outside the critical nesting times for migratory birds. Further, researchers will avoid mussel beds and active nests, and will minimize disturbance to vegetation.

Similarly, the NRC determined that there will be no adverse effects to any historic or cultural resources that may be located in the paleoliquefaction study's area of potential effects within the states of Arkansas, Missouri and Mississippi. The Arkansas, Mississippi, and Missouri State Historic Preservation Officers have concurred with this finding.

Finally, the NRC has determined that there will be no significant impacts to any other resource areas (*e.g.*, surface water, groundwater, air quality) as a result of the proposed field work.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the EA and as further described in the FONSI, the NRC has concluded that there are no significant environmental impacts from the proposed field work and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of October 2015.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John P. Burke,

Chief, Structural, Geotechnical, and Seismic Engineering Branch, Division of Engineering, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS) Meeting of the ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and PRA; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Reliability and PRA will hold a meeting on October 19, 2015, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to public attendance.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Monday, October 19, 2015—1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

The Subcommittee will discuss a draft SECY Paper on possible implementation of a Risk Management Regulatory Framework (RMRF). The Subcommittee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the NRC staff and other interested persons regarding this matter. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the Full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written comments should notify the Designated Federal Official (DFO), Mike Snodderly (Telephone 301-415-2241 or Email: Mike.Snodderly@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Thirty-five hard copies of each presentation or handout should be provided to the DFO thirty minutes before the meeting. In addition, one electronic copy of each presentation should be emailed to the DFO one day before the meeting. If an electronic copy cannot be provided within this timeframe, presenters should provide the DFO with a CD containing each presentation at least thirty minutes before the meeting. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public. Detailed procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 1, 2014 (79 FR 59307).

Detailed meeting agendas and meeting transcripts are available on the NRC

Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/acrs>. Information regarding topics to be discussed, changes to the agenda, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, and the time allotted to present oral statements can be obtained from the Web site cited above or by contacting the identified DFO.

Moreover, in view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with these references if such rescheduling would result in a major inconvenience.

If attending this meeting, please enter through the One White Flint North building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. After registering with security, please contact Mr. Theron Brown (Telephone 240-888-9835) to be escorted to the meeting room.

Dated: October 2, 2015.

Mark L. Banks,

Chief, Technical Support Branch, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2015-0001]

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE: October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 2015.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Week of October 12, 2015

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of October 12, 2015.

Week of October 19, 2015—Tentative

Monday, October 19, 2015

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1)

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

9:00 a.m. Joint Meeting of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) (Part 1) (Public Meeting) To be held at FERC Headquarters, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC. (Contact: Tania Martinez-Navedo: 301-415-6561).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—www.ferc.gov.

11:20 a.m. Joint Meeting of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Nuclear Regulatory