

## I. Introduction

The NRC is granting exemptions from paragraph B of section III, "Scope and Contents," of appendix D, "Design Certification Rule for the AP1000," to part 52 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) and issuing License Amendment Nos. 69 and 68 to COLs, NPF-91 and NPF-92 respectively, to the licensee. The exemptions are required by paragraph A.4 of section VIII, "Processes for Changes and Departures," appendix D, to 10 CFR part 52 to allow the licensee to depart from Tier 1 information. With the requested amendment, the licensee sought proposed changes that would revise the updated final safety analysis report (UFSAR) in the form of departures from the incorporated plant-specific DCD Tier 2 information. The proposed amendment also involves related changes to plant-specific Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to the associated COL Appendix C information that revise information concerning the details of the Class 1E dc and uninterruptible power supply system (IDS), specifically adding seven Class 1E fuse panels to the IDS design. These proposed changes provide electrical isolation between the non-Class 1E IDS battery monitors and their respective Class 1E battery banks.

Part of the justification for granting the exemptions was provided by the review of the amendments. Because the exemption is necessary in order to issue the requested license amendment, the NRC granted the exemptions and issued the amendments concurrently, rather than in sequence. This included issuing a combined safety evaluation containing the NRC staff's review of both the exemption request and the license amendment. The exemptions met all applicable regulatory criteria set forth in 10 CFR 50.12, 10 CFR 52.7, and Section VIII.A.4 of appendix D to 10 CFR part 52. The license amendments were found to be acceptable as well. The combined safety evaluation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16363A436.

Identical exemption documents (except for referenced unit numbers and license numbers) were issued to the licensee for VEGP Units 3 and 4 (COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92). The exemption documents for VEGP Units 3 and 4 can be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML16363A422 and ML16363A424, respectively. The exemption is reproduced (with the exception of abbreviated titles and additional citations) in Section II of this document. The amendment documents for COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos.

ML16363A409 and ML16363A420, respectively. A summary of the amendment documents is provided in Section III of this document.

## II. Exemption

Reproduced below is the exemption document issued to Vogtle Units 3 and Unit 4. It makes reference to the combined safety evaluation that provides the reasoning for the findings made by the NRC (and listed under Item 1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated September 9, 2016, the licensee requested from the Commission an exemption from the provisions of 10 CFR part 52, appendix D, Section III.B, as part of license amendment request 16-022, "IDS Fuse Isolation Panel Additions (LAR-16-022)."

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.1 of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation, which can be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16363A436, the Commission finds that:

A. The exemption is authorized by law;

B. the exemption presents no undue risk to public health and safety;

C. the exemption is consistent with the common defense and security;

D. special circumstances are present in that the application of the rule in this circumstance is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule;

E. the special circumstances outweigh any decrease in safety that may result from the reduction in standardization caused by the exemption; and

F. the exemption will not result in a significant decrease in the level of safety otherwise provided by the design.

2. Accordingly, the licensee is granted an exemption from the certified DCD Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to Appendix C of the COLs as described in the licensee's request dated September 9, 2016. This exemption is related to, and necessary for, the granting of License Amendment Nos. 69/68, which is being issued concurrently with this exemption.

3. As explained in Section 5.0, "Environmental Consideration," of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation (ADAMS Accession No. ML16363A436), these exemptions meet the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the exemption.

4. These exemptions are effective as of the date of its issuance.

## III. License Amendment Request

By letter dated September 9, 2016 (ADAMS Accession No. ML16253A204), the licensee requested that the NRC amend the COLs for VEGP, Units 3 and 4, COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92. The proposed amendment is described in Section I of this document.

The Commission has determined that the application 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.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to the facility COL, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2016 (81 FR 70186). No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

The Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

## IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemptions and issued the amendments that the licensee requested on September 9, 2016. The exemptions and amendments were issued on February 9, 2017, as part of a combined package to the licensee (ADAMS accession no. ML16363A398).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of March 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2017-0001]

### Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

**DATE:** Weeks of March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2017.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**Week of March 20, 2017**

*Thursday, March 23, 2017*

9:00 a.m. Hearing on Combined License for North Anna Nuclear Plant, Unit 3: Section 189a. of the Atomic Energy Act Proceeding (Public Meeting) (Contact: James Shea: 301-415-1388)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

*Friday, March 24, 2017*

11:00 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative) Susquehanna Nuclear, LLC (Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2) Appeal of LBP-16-12 (Affirming Denial of Access to SUNSI) and Request for Hearing (Tentative)

*Friday, March 24, 2017*

11:05 a.m. Briefing on the Annual Threat Environment (Closed Ex. 1)

**Week of March 27, 2017—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of March 27, 2017.

**Week of April 3, 2017—Tentative**

*Tuesday, April 4, 2017*

10:00 a.m. Meeting with the Organization of Agreement States and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (Public Meeting) (Contact: Paul Michalak: 301-415-5804)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

*Thursday, April 6, 2017*

10:00 a.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (Public Meeting) (Contact: Mark Banks: 301-415-3718)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

**Week of April 10, 2017—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of April 10, 2017.

**Week of April 17, 2017—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the week of April 17, 2017.

**Week of April 24, 2017—Tentative**

*Wednesday, April 26, 2017*

9:00 a.m. Briefing on the Status of Subsequent License Renewal Preparations (Public Meeting) (Contact: Steven Bloom: 301-415-2431)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

*Thursday, April 27, 2017*

10:00 a.m. Meeting with the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (Public Meeting) (Contact: Douglas Bollock: 301-415-6609)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov/>.

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*Additional Information*

The start time for the Briefing on the Annual Threat Environment (Closed Ex. 1) previously scheduled for March 24, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. is now scheduled to start at 11:05 a.m.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/schedule.html>.

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Dated: March 17, 2017.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket Nos. 52-027 and 52-028; NRC-2008-0252]

**Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station, Units 2 and 3; South Carolina Electric & Gas Company Annex and Radwaste Building Changes**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Exemption and combined license amendment; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is granting an exemption to allow a departure from the certification information of Tier 1 of the generic design control document (DCD) and is issuing License Amendment No. 59 to Combined Licenses (COL), NPF-93 and NPF-94. The COLs were issued to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company on behalf of itself and the South Carolina Public Service Authority (both hereafter called the licensee); for construction and operation of the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station (VCSNS) Units 2 and 3, located in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

The granting of the exemption allows the changes to Tier 1 information asked for in the amendment. Because the acceptability of the exemption was determined in part by the acceptability of the amendment, the exemption and amendment are being issued concurrently.

**DATES:** The exemption and amendment were issued on February 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2008-0252 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-2008-0252. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-415-3463; email: [Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov](mailto: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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