

**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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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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Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that a document is referenced. The request for the amendment and exemption was submitted by letter dated February 27, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14065A022) and supplemented by letters dated July 9 and September 25, 2014, August 20 and December 17, 2015, and June 1 and November 17, 2016.

- *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:** Paul Kallan, Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-2809; email: [Paul.Kallan@nrc.gov](mailto:Paul.Kallan@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Introduction

The NRC is granting an exemption 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 No. 59 to COLs, NPF-93 and NPF-94, to the licensee. The exemption is 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 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.

Part of the justification for granting the exemption was provided by the review of the amendment. Because the exemption is necessary in order to issue the requested license amendment, the NRC granted the exemption and issued the amendment 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 exemption 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 amendment was found to be acceptable as well. The combined safety evaluation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16362A322.

Identical exemption documents (except for referenced unit numbers and license numbers) were issued to the licensee for VCSNS Units 2 and 3 (COLs NPF-93 and NPF-94). The exemption documents for VCSNS Units 2 and 3 can be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML16362A299 and ML16362A302, 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-93 and NPF-94 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML16356A488 and ML16362A297, 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 VCSNS Units 2 and Unit 3. 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 February 27, 2014, 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 13-09, "Annex and Radwaste Building Changes (LAR 13-09)."

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.1, "Evaluation of Exemption," of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation, which can be found in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16362A322, 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 Facility Combined Licenses as described in the

licensee's request dated February 27, 2014, and supplemented by letters dated July 9 and September 25, 2014, August 20 and December 17, 2015, and June 1 and November 17, 2016. This exemption is related to, and necessary for, the granting of License Amendment No. 59, 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. ML16362A322), this exemption meets 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. This exemption is effective as of the date of its issuance.

##### III. License Amendment Request

By letter dated February 27, 2014, and supplemented by letters dated July 9 and September 25, 2014, August 20 and December 17, 2015 and June 1 and November 17, 2016, the licensee requested that the NRC amend the COLs for VCSNS, Units 2 and 3, COLs NPF-93 and NPF-94. The proposed amendment is described in Section I of this document.

The Commission has determined for these amendments 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 facility operating license or combined license, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the **Federal Register** on April 15, 2014 (79 FR 21299). 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 exemption and issued the amendment that the licensee requested on February 27, 2014.

The exemption and amendment were issued on February 6, 2017, as part of a combined package to the licensee (ADAMS Accession No. ML16356A462).

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

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 40-9067; NRC-2015-0199]

**Uranerz Energy Corporation; Jane Dough Unit**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering an amendment of License SUA-1597, to expand operations to the Jane Dough Unit at Uranerz Energy Corporation (Uranerz) Nichols Ranch *In Situ* Recovery (ISR) Facility (Docket No. 40-9067). The NRC has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) and finding of no significant impact (FONSI) for this licensing action.

**DATES:** The EA and FONSI referenced in this document is available on March 22, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2015-0199 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-2015-0199. 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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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Introduction**

The NRC is considering issuance of an amendment of License SUA-1597 issued to Uranerz, for operation of the Jane Dough Unit, located in Wyoming, Johnson and Campbell Counties. Therefore, as required by part 51 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), the NRC performed an EA. Based on the results of the EA that follows, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the amendment, and is issuing a FONSI.

**II. Environmental Assessment**

*Description of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would allow Uranerz to construct, operate, perform aquifer restoration, and decommissioning activities at the Jane Dough Unit. The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated May 8, 2014 (ADAMS Accession No. ML14164A274), as supplemented by letter dated April 13, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15118A122).

*Need for the Proposed Action*

The proposed action allows Uranerz to recover uranium within the proposed Jane Dough Unit. The licensee would process the recovered uranium into yellowcake at the existing central processing plant currently located on the Nichols Ranch Unit. Yellowcake is the uranium oxide product of the ISR milling process that is used to produce various products, including fuel for commercially-operated nuclear power reactors.

*Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The NRC staff has assessed the potential environmental impacts from the construction, operation, aquifer restoration, and decommissioning of the proposed Jane Dough Unit. The NRC staff assessed the impacts of the proposed action on land use; historical and cultural resources; visual and scenic resources; climatology, meteorology and air quality; geology, minerals, and soils; water resources; ecological resources; socioeconomic; noise; traffic and transportation; public and occupational health and safety; and waste management. All impacts were determined to be SMALL. The NRC staff concluded that license amendment for the Nichols Ranch ISR project license authorizing the construction and operation of the Jane Dough Unit would not significantly affect the quality of the human health, safety, and environment. Approval of the proposed action would not result in an increased radiological risk to public health or the environment.

*Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). The No-Action Alternative would mean that the NRC would not approve the addition of the Jane Dough Unit to the existing Nichols Ranch licensed permit area. *In-situ* recovery activities would not occur within the Jane Dough Unit and the associated environmental impacts also would not occur.

*Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on December 20, 2016, the NRC staff consulted with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The state official concurred with the EA and FONSI on January 25, 2017.

*Additional Information*

The NRC received an application from Uranerz to amend its NRC source materials license SUA-1597. This application requests authorization for Uranerz to construct and operate ISR activities at the Jane Dough unit in Campbell County and Johnson County, Wyoming. The NRC staff is conducting an environmental review in accordance with part 51 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), which implements the requirements of the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969*, as amended (NEPA). Based on the results of the EA that follows, the NRC