

Assurance of Equipment Operability and Containment Integrity During Design-Basis Accident Conditions; Issued

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Generic Letter 96-06 to notify all licensees of nuclear power reactors about several safety-significant issues that have been identified as a result of recent NRC inspection activities, licensee notifications, and event reports, and that warrant action by the NRC to assure that they have been adequately addressed and resolved; these issues include:

(1) Cooling water systems serving the containment air coolers may be exposed to the hydrodynamic effects of waterhammer during either a loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) or a main steamline break (MSLB). These cooling water systems were not designed to withstand the hydrodynamic effects of waterhammer and corrective actions may be needed to satisfy system design and operability requirements.

(2) Cooling water systems serving the containment air coolers may experience two-phase flow conditions during postulated LOCA and MSLB scenarios. The heat removal assumptions for design-basis accident scenarios were based on single-phase flow conditions. Corrective actions may be needed to satisfy system design and operability requirements.

(3) Thermally induced overpressurization of isolated water-filled piping sections in containment could jeopardize the ability of accident-mitigating systems to perform their safety functions, and could also lead to a breach of containment integrity via bypass leakage. Corrective actions may be needed to satisfy system operability requirements.

This generic letter requests that licensees determine the susceptibility of their facility containment air cooler cooling water systems to either waterhammer or two-phase flow conditions during postulated accident conditions, determine the susceptibility of piping systems that penetrate the containment to thermal expansion of fluid and overpressurization, and assess the operability of affected systems and take corrective action, as appropriate to satisfy system design and operability requirements. Licensees are also required to submit a written response. This generic letter is available in the NRC Public Document Room under accession number 9609250096.

DATES: The generic letter was issued on September 30, 1996.

ADDRESSEES: Not applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James E. Tatum at (301) 415-2805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The actions requested in this generic letter are considered compliance backfits under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.109 and existing NRC procedures to ensure that containment integrity is maintained, that safety-related components and piping systems are capable of performing their intended safety functions and satisfying their licensing-basis code criteria, respectively, and that containment integrity and safety-related piping systems and components are not adversely affected by the occurrence of waterhammer, two-phase flow, or thermal overpressurization that may occur in safety-related and non-safety-related systems that penetrate containment.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of September, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Brian K. Grimes.

Acting Director, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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POSTAL SERVICE

Privacy Act of 1974, System of Records

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Notice of revisions and addition of new routine uses applicable to two existing systems of records and deletion of one system of records by incorporation into them.

SUMMARY: This document publishes notice of modifications to three Postal Service systems of records. The systems are similar in character in that they contain records relating to indemnity claims filed and inquiries made by customers using certain domestic and international postal services such as insured, collect on delivery (COD), registered, Express Mail, and ordinary mail. The modifications: (1) Delete one system of records by including those records in two other systems covering records kept for the same purpose; (2) add routine uses to the remaining two systems of records; (3) amend one of those systems to reflect the maintenance of COD claim and inquiry records; and (4) make clarifying editorial changes, such as organization name changes. The

routine uses allow the Postal Service to discuss, as necessary, a claim with the sender or addressee of a mailpiece, with an expert consultant, and, in the case of an international claim, with an authority from a foreign postal administration. This notice complies with subsection (e)(11) of the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), which require agencies to publish advance notice of any new use of information in a system of records.

DATES: This proposal will become effective without further notice on November 13, 1996 unless comments received on or before that date result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this proposal should be mailed or delivered to Payroll Accounting/Records, United States Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 8650, Washington, DC 20260-5243. Copies of all written comments will be available at the above address for public inspection and photocopying between 8 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dolores M. Gentry, (202) 268-3212.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Privacy Act system of records USPS 160.030, Special Mail Services-Express Mail Service Insurance Claims for Loss, Delay and Damage, was established for the primary purpose of serving as a source of information for the adjudication of Express Mail insurance claims whenever such claims are filed by customers. Records contained within this system are similar in nature and kept for the same purpose as those contained in Privacy Act systems of records USPS 160.010, Special Mail Services-Insured and Registered Domestic Mail Inquiry and Application for Indemnity Records, and in USPS 160.020, Special Mail Services-Insured and Registered Ordinary international Mail Inquiry and Application for Indemnity Records. This notice proposes elimination of system of records USPS 160.030 by incorporating the domestic Express Mail and international Express Mail insurance claims and inquiry records into USPS 160.010 and USPS 160.020, respectively.

Privacy Act system of records USPS 160.010 is being modified to reflect the maintenance of COD claims and inquiry records. COD is a service used by mailers to mail an article for which they have not paid, and have the price of the article and the cost of the postage collected by the Postal Service from the recipient. In addition, two new routine uses are proposed for both USPS 160.010 and USPS 160.020. Routine use

No. 1 allows the Postal Service to disclose information to the sender or addressee of the mailpiece for which a claim has been filed in connection with resolution of a claim. Routine use No. 2 allows the Postal Service to disclose information to an expert consultant for the purpose of determining the value of lost or damaged items or to otherwise determine the validity of a claim. Both of these disclosures may be necessary to process a claim or respond to an inquiry.

Other modifications to USPS 160.010 and USPS 160.020 do not alter the character or use of information contained in the systems, but rather improve the system descriptions to reflect the types of special mail services offered, correct a typographical error that appeared in an earlier system publication, and update the system manager's title as a result of an agency restructuring. With these modifications, the system description of each system of records will better inform the public of the circumstances under which the Postal Service may be maintaining information about them. In view of these factors, the Postal Service has determined that these changes reflect matters of internal practice and procedure that will not substantially affect the rights or obligations of private parties.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11), interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, or arguments on this proposal. A report of the proposed revisions to the systems has been sent to Congress and to the Office of Management and Budget for their evaluation.

USPS Privacy Act systems 160.010 and 160.020 were last published in their entirety in the Federal Register on October 26, 1989 (54 FR 43705 and 43706). The Postal Service proposes amending these systems as shown below.

USPS 160.010

SYSTEM NAME:

[CHANGE TO READ] "Special Mail Services-Domestic Insured, Registered, Collect on Delivery (COD), and Express Mail Claim and Inquiry Records."

SYSTEM LOCATIONS:

[CHANGE TO READ] "Consumer Advocate, Headquarters; Accounting Service Center (ASC), St. Louis, MO; and post offices."

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

[CHANGE TO READ] "Domestic insured, registered, COD, and Express

Mail claimants/requesters, including mail senders and addressees."

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

[CHANGE TO READ] "Names and addresses of mail sender and addressee, declaration of claimant/requester, and claim/inquiry status information."

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

39 U.S.C. 401, 404.

PURPOSE(S):

[CHANGE TO READ] "To adjudicate claims related to domestic insured, registered, COD, and Express Mail, and to respond to inquiries concerning those claims."

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

[CHANGE TO READ] "General routine use statements a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, and m listed in the prefatory statement at the beginning of the Postal Service's published system notices apply to this system. Other routine uses are as follows:

1. Information from this system may be disclosed to the sender or addressee of the mailpiece for which a claim has been filed in connection with resolution of the claim.

2. Information from this system may be disclosed to an expert consultant for the purpose of determining the value of lost or damaged items or to determine otherwise the validity of a claim."

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Handwritten and typed forms and computer-readable media and printouts.

RETRIEVABILITY:

[CHANGE TO READ] "Mailer's name; date of mailing; and insured, registered, COD, or Express Mail article number; or claim number."

SAFEGUARDS:

[CHANGE TO READ] "Handwritten and typed forms are stored in steel file cabinets, with access limited to authorized personnel. Computer-readable media are stored in protected areas, with access limited to authorized personnel."

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

[CHANGE TO READ] "a. Automated claims and inquiry system records. Delete from system after 2 years.

b. Insured, registered, COD, and Express Mail claim and inquiry records (post office). Destroy 2 years from date of cutoff.

c. Insured, registered, COD, and Express Mail claim and inquiry records (ASC). Destroy 4 years from date of cutoff."

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

[CHANGE TO READ] "VICE PRESIDENT AND CONSUMER ADVOCATE, UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE, 475 L'ENFANT PLZ SW, WASHINGTON DC 20260-2200"

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

[CHANGE TO READ] "Individuals wishing to know whether information about them is maintained in this system of records should address inquiries to the head of the facility where the domestic insured, registered, COD, or Express Mail claim was filed. If a claim has been filed, the inquiry should include claim number; date of claim; insured, registered, COD, or Express Mail number of article mailed; and date of mailing."

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

[CHANGE TO READ] "Requests for access must be made in accordance with the Notification Procedure above and the Postal Service Privacy Act regulations regarding access to records and verification of identity under 39 CFR 266.6."

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See Notification and Record Access Procedures above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Information from the individual completing the claim/inquiry form.

USPS 160.020

SYSTEM NAME:

[CHANGE TO READ] "Special Mail Services-International Ordinary, Insured, Registered, and Express Mail Inquiry and Application for Indemnity Records, 160.020."

SYSTEM LOCATION:

[CHANGE TO READ] "Consumer Advocate, Headquarters; Accounting Service Center (ASC), St. Louis, MO; and international claims and inquiries offices in New York, New Orleans, and San Francisco."

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

[CHANGE TO READ] "International insured, registered, and Express Mail claimants/requesters, including mail senders and addresses, and ordinary mail inquirers."

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

[CHANGE TO READ] "Names and addresses of mail sender and addressee,

declaration of claimant/requester, and claim/inquiry status information.”

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:
39 U.S.C. 401, 404.

PURPOSE(S):

[CHANGE TO READ] “To adjudicate claims related to international insured mail, registered mail, Express Mail, and ordinary mail, and to respond to inquiries concerning those claims.”

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

[CHANGE TO READ] “General routine use statements a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, and m listed in the prefatory statement at the beginning of the Postal Service’s published system notices apply to this system. Other routine uses are as follows:

1. Information from this system may be disclosed to the sender or addressee of the mailpiece for which a claim has been filed when required for resolution of the claim.
2. Information from this system may be disclosed to an expert consultant for the purpose of determining the value of lost or damaged items or to determine otherwise the validity of a claim.”
3. Information from this system may be disclosed to an authority of a foreign postal administration when required for resolution of an international mail inquiry.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, ACCESSING, RETAINING, AND DISPOSING OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

STORAGE:

Handwritten and typed forms and computer-readable media and printouts.

RETRIEVABILITY:

[CHANGE TO READ] “Claimant’s/requester’s name; case number; registered; insured, or Express Mail article number; date of mailing; and country of destination.”

SAFEGUARDS:

[CHANGE TO READ] “Handwritten and typed forms are stored in steel file cabinets, with access limited to authorized personnel. Computer-readable media are stored in protected areas, and access to the media is limited to authorized personnel.”

RETENTION AND DISPOSAL:

[CHANGE TO READ] “Destroy 3 years from date of cutoff.”

SYSTEM MANAGER(S) AND ADDRESS:

[CHANGE TO READ]
“VICE PRESIDENT AND CONSUMER ADVOCATE, UNITED STATES

POSTAL SERVICE, 475 L’ENFANT PLZ SW, WASHINGTON, DC 20260–2200”

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE:

[CHANGE TO READ] “Individuals wishing to know whether information about them is maintained in this system of records should address inquiries to the head of the facility where the international insured, registered, or Express Mail claim was filed or the ordinary mail inquiry was made. If a claim has been filed, the inquiry should include claim number; date of claim; insured, registered, or Express Mail number of article mailed; date of mailing; and destination country.”

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURE:

[CHANGE TO READ] “Requests for access must be made in accordance with the Notification Procedure above and the Postal Service Privacy Act regulations regarding access to records and verification of identity under 39 CFR 266.6.”

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See Notification and Record Access Procedures above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

[CHANGE TO READ] “Information from the individual completing the claim/inquiry form.”

USPS 160.030

SYSTEM NAME

Special Mail Services—Express Mail Service Insurance Claims for Loss, Delay and Damage, 160.030.

Because records maintained under USPS 160.030 are similar in nature to those maintained under USPS 160.010 and 160.020, they are being incorporated into these two systems. Therefore, this system of records is being eliminated.

Stanley F. Mires,
Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35–26582]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended (“Act”)

September 27, 1996.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated thereunder. All interested

persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments thereto is/are available for public inspection through the Commission’s Office of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by October 21, 1996, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C. 20549, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing shall identify specifically the issues of fact or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After said date, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

GPU International, Inc., et al. (70–8533)

GPU International, Inc. (“GPU”) (formerly Energy Initiatives, Inc.) and NCP Energy, Inc. (“NCP”), each of One Upper Pond Road, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054, and each a nonutility subsidiary of General Public Utilities Corporation (“GPU”), a registered holding company, have filed a declaration under section 12(c) of the Act and rules 46 and 54 thereunder.

By order dated May 17, 1994 (HCAR No. 26053), among other things, GPU was authorized to acquire all of the stock of North Canadian Power Inc. (now known as NCP), a company engaged exclusively in the business of owning or leasing and operating qualifying cogeneration facilities (“QFs”), as defined in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended, and developing other QFs and exempt wholesale generators (“EWGs”), as defined in section 32 of the Act.

By order dated March 1, 1995 (HCAR No. 26241), NCP was authorized to distribute to GPU, by way of a dividend, all of NCP’s assets, except for certain assets related to its Syracuse Cogeneration Project. The NCP assets consisted of all of the outstanding common stock (“Common Stock”) of each subsidiary of NCP (each a “Project Sub”).

By order dated January 3, 1996 (HCAR No. 26447), the Commission extended