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Dated: March 30, 1999.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (99–057)]

Notice of prospective patent license

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Spartan School of Aeronautics, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,694,939, entitled ''Autogenic-Feedback Training Exercise Method and System,'' which is assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Ames Research Center.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by June 7, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patent Counsel, Ames Research Center, Mail Stop 202A–3, Moffett Field, CA 94035; telephone (650) 604–5104.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Public Hearing

The National Transportation Safety Board will convene a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m., local time on Wednesday, April 14, 1999, at the Georgetown Conference Center, 3800 Reservoir Road, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20057 concerning Truck/Bus Safety. For more information, contact Jeanmarie Poole, NTSB Office of Highway Safety. at (202) 314–6448 or Lauren Peduzzi, NTSB Office of Public Affairs at (202) 314–6100.

Dated: April 2, 1999.

Rhonda Underwood,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGUATORY COMMISSION

[Docket 70–7002]

Amendment to Certificate of Compliance GDP–2 for the U.S. Enrichment Corporation, Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Portsmouth, Ohio

The Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, has made a determination that the following amendment request is not significant in accordance with 10 CFR 76.45. In making that determination, the staff concluded that: (1) there is no change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite; (2) there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure; (3) there is no significant construction impact; (4) there is no significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents; (5) the proposed changes do not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident; (6) there is no significant reduction in any margin of safety; and (7) the proposed changes will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards, or security programs. The basis for this determination for the amendment request is described below.

The NRC staff has reviewed the certificate amendment application and concluded that it provides reasonable assurance of adequate safety, safeguards, and security and compliance with NRC requirements. Therefore, the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, is prepared to issue an amendment to the Certificate of Compliance for the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PORTS). The staff has prepared a Compliance Evaluation Report which provides details of the staff's evaluation.

The NRC staff has determined that this amendment satisfies the criteria for a 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 this amendment.

The United States Enrichment Corporation (USEC) or any person whose interest may be affected may file a petition, not exceeding 30 pages, requesting review of the Director's Decision. The petition must be filed with the Commission not later than 15 days after publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. A petition for review of the Director's Decision shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner and how that interest may be affected by the results of the decision. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why review of the Decision should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) the interest of the petitioner; (2) how that interest may be affected by the Decision, including the reasons why the petitioner should be permitted a review of the Decision; and (3) the petitioner's areas of concern about the activity that is the subject matter of the Decision. Any person described in this paragraph (USEC or any person who filed a petition) may file a response to any petition for review, not to exceed 30 pages, within 10 days after filing of the petition. If no petition is received within the designated 15-day period, the Director will issue the final amendment to the Certificate of Compliance without further delay. If a petition for review is received, the decision on the amendment application will become final in 60 days, unless the Commission grants the petition for review or otherwise acts within 60 days after publication of this **Federal Register** Notice.

A petition for review must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, by the above date.

Since the application for amendment and the Commission's Compliance Evaluation Report contain proprietary information, they are not subject to public disclosure per 10 CFR 2.790.

Date of amendment request: August 7, 1998, as revised on February 24, 1999.

Brief description of amendment: USEC submitted a certificate amendment request for PORTS to reduce the minimum number of measurements that are required to determine the enriched uranium content of UF_6 cylinder receipts from Russian facilities for whom a valid historical database has been established so as to provide 99.9 percent confidence that a statistically significant shift in the mean uranium concentration will be detected. PORTS typically receives, from three blending facilities in Russia, several hundred 2.5-ton UF_6 cylinders per year

at enrichments less than 5 weight percent U–235. Currently, each cylinder's liquid sample obtained in Russia or at PORTS is required to be analyzed at PORTS to confirm the uranium concentration and enrichment indicated by the shipper. The proposed amendment would allow analysis of UF_6 samples at PORTS at a lower rate which provides 99.9 percent confidence that a statistically significant shift in the mean uranium concentration will be detected for each Russian supplier with a valid historical database. It is noted that the proposed amendment only lowers the analytical measurement rate for Russian-origin UF_6 cylinders. The current 100 percent liquid sampling requirement and the 100 percent nondestructive analysis requirement will not be altered by this amendment.

Basis for Finding of No Significance

1. The proposed amendment will not result in a change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

This amendment significantly reduces the destructive sample analytical requirement for 2.5-ton UF_6 cylinders obtained from three Russian facilities which have established historical bases to provide 99.9 percent confidence that a statistically significant shift in uranium concentration will be detected. As such, it would likely result in a reduction in the analytical handling of UF_6 samples. This would reduce the likelihood of any accidental releases of UF_6 during analytical operations. Therefore, this amendment will not result in a significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

2. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

For the reasons provided in the assessment of criterion 1, the proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposures.

3. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant construction impact.

The proposed amendment does not involve any construction, therefore, there will be no construction impacts.

4. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

For the reasons provided in the assessment of criterion 1, the proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

5. The proposed amendment will not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.

For the reasons provided in the assessment of criterion 1, the proposed amendment will not result in new or different kinds of accidents.

6. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant reduction in any margin of safety.

For the reasons provided in the assessment of criterion 1, the proposed amendment will not result in a significant reduction in any margin of safety.

7. The proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards, or security programs.

For the reasons provided in the assessment of criterion 1, the proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety program.

The NRC staff has determined that the sampling and measurement plan as described in USEC's proposed amendment would provide an adequate systems performance capability for determining the uranium content of UF_6 cylinder receipts at PORTS from the three current Russian suppliers. The systems capability that would be provided by the proposed sampling rates, which would detect with a probability of over 0.99, a mean shift in concentration as small as one standard deviation. The resulting detection level would be of the same magnitude as the uncertainty associated with the PORTS analytical measurement system if the sampling plan is applied in a reasonably random way to assure the representativeness of data. Moreover, the proposed statistical approach is consistent with current commitments of other NRC licensees who receive low-enriched UF_6 cylinders of either domestic or foreign origin. It should be noted that this amendment only applies to those shippers of Russian material for whom a valid database has been established so as to provide 99.9 percent confidence that a statistically significant shift in the mean uranium concentration will be detected. Therefore, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safeguards program.

The staff has not identified any security related implications from the proposed amendment. Therefore, the proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's security program.

Effective date: The amendment to GDP–2 will become effective immediately after issuance by NRC.

Certificate of Compliance No. GDP–2: Amendment will revise the PORTS Fundamental Nuclear Materials Control Plan and the PORTS Transportation Security Plan.

Local Public Document Room location: Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of March 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carl J. Paperiello,

Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–348 and 50–364]

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., et al. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–2 and NPF–8, issued to the Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., et al. (the licensee) for operation of the Joseph M. Farley Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, located in Houston County, Alabama.

The proposed amendment would modify Technical Specification 3/4.4.9, ''Specific Activity,'' and the associated bases to increase the limit associated with dose equivalent iodine-131. The steady-state dose equivalent iodine-131 limit would be increased from 0.15microCurie/gram to 0.3 microCurie/gram and the transient limit for 80 percent to 100 percent power provided by Technical Specification Figure 3.4–1 will increase 9 microCurie/gram to 18 microCurie/gram with a corresponding increase in the 0 percent to 80 percent power limits.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the