

October 9, 2002

MEMORANDUM TO: John N. Hannon, Branch Chief
Division of Systems Safety and Analysis
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

FROM: Daniel Frumkin, Plant Systems Branch/**RA**
Division of Systems Safety and Analysis
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON THE PROPOSED PLAN TO
PERFORM FIRE TESTING OF HEMYC (1-HOUR) AND MT (3-HOUR)
FIRE PROTECTION WRAP

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 31, 2002
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

LOCATION: Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-10-B-4
Rockville, Maryland 20852

PURPOSE: The purpose of this meeting is to gather stakeholder input into the proposed testing plan to help assure that the testing plan as proposed includes a representative sample of configurations. The meeting may also gather other information, such as comments on scope of testing and testing method, and serve as a vehicle for members of the public to express concerns and provide advice. The proposed testing plan is available for review in the NRC's online document management system (www.nrc.gov - ADAMS Accession Number ML022280394), and in the NRC's Public Document Room, 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, located on the first floor of One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. See the attached agenda (Attachment 1) and *Federal Register* Notice (Attachment 2).

CATEGORY 2*: This is a Category 2 Meeting. The public is invited to participate in this meeting by discussing regulatory issues with the NRC at designated points identified on the agenda.

* Members of the public may register to attend or present oral comments at this meeting by contacting R. Subbaratnam (800) 368-5642, ext. 1478, or D. Frumkin, ext. 2280, no later than October 17, 2002. Those who wish to make comments may also register outside the Public Meeting Room within 15 minutes of the start of the meeting. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register.

PARTICIPANTS: Participants from the NRC include members of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR) and the Office of Research (RES)

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J. S. Hyslop, RES		
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A. Singh, RES		
F. Wyant (contractor)		

Members of the Public Who Register to Speak

TBD

Attachments:

1. Agenda
2. *Federal Register* Notice

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AGENDA FOR PUBLIC MEETING ON THE PROPOSED PLAN TO PERFORM FIRE TESTING OF HEMYC (1-HOUR) AND MT (3-HOUR) FIRE PROTECTION WRAP

Thursday, October 31, 2002

Meeting - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon*

- I. Welcome and purpose of meeting - 5 minutes (J. Hannon)
- II. Background - 10 minutes (D. Frumkin)
- III. Fire Test Plan Overview - 30 minutes (F. Wyant)
- IV. How comments can be submitted - 5 minutes (R. Subbaratnam)
- V. Public comments - 1 hour
- VI. Closing/availability of transcripts, etc. - 10 minutes (D. Frumkin)

*The NRC staff will host an informal discussion 1 hour prior to the meeting session. No comments on the draft plant-specific proposed plan to perform fire testing of HEMYC (1-hour) and MT (3-hour) fire protection wrap will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meeting (see agenda, above) or in writing, as described in the *Federal Register* notice.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Proposed Plan to Perform Fire Testing of

Hemyc (1-Hour) and MT (3-hour) Fire Protection Wrap; Meeting

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The NRC staff will hold a public meeting to present an overview of the draft plant-specific proposed plan to perform fire testing of Hemyc (1-hour) and MT (3-hour) fire protection wrap and to accept public comments on the document.

DATE: October 31, 2002, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: One White Flint North, Room O-10 B4, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R. Subbaratnam, Project Directorate II, Section 2, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone 1-800-368-5642, extension 1478, or eMail at RXS@nrc.gov; or Mr. D. Frumkin, Fire Protection and Special Projects Section, Plant Systems Branch, Division of Systems Safety and Analysis, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone 1-800-368-5642, extension 2280, or eMail at DXF1@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

As a result of fire protection inspections, unresolved items (URIs) were opened at some nuclear power stations due to questions raised regarding the fire rating of two fire barrier materials (Shearon Harris (ADAMS ML003685341), and McGuire (ML003778709)). The URIs involve the fire rating of Hemyc and MT fire barrier materials produced by Promatec, Inc. A recent staff review of the original fire tests for these materials shows that the original test

results may not be consistent with the staff's safety evaluation report. The NRC has chosen to perform fire tests of these materials to determine their actual fire rating when applied to meet the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, Appendix R, "Fire Protection Program for Nuclear Facilities Operating Prior to January 1, 1979," Section III.G, as required by 10 CFR 50.48, "Fire Protection."

The purpose of this meeting is to gather stakeholder input into the proposed testing plan to help assure that the testing plan as proposed includes a representative sample of configurations. The meeting may also gather other information, such as comments on scope of testing and testing methods, and serve as a vehicle for members of the public to express concerns and provide advice.

The proposed testing plan is available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, or from the Publicly Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html> (the Public Electronic Reading Room). The ADAMS accession number for the test plan is ML022280394. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov.

Any interested party may submit comments on the draft test plan. Comments may be delivered to Room 6 D22, Two White Flint North, at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Electronic comments may be submitted to the NRC by eMail to RXS2@nrc.gov for consideration by the NRC staff. To be certain of consideration, comments on the proposed testing plan must be received by November 7, 2002. Comments received after the due date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC

staff is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Written comments on the testing plan should be addressed to: R. Subbaratnam, Project Directorate II, Section 2, Division of Licensing Project Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, or other interested persons, will be made available electronically at the Commission's PDR in Rockville, Maryland and from the PARS component of ADAMS.

The NRC staff will host an informal discussion 1 hour prior to the start of the session. No comments on the proposed testing plan will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided in writing as discussed above. Persons may pre-register to attend or present oral comments at the meeting by contacting Mr. R. Subbaratnam by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1478, or by eMail at RXS2@nrc.gov no later than October 17, 2002. Members of the public may also register to provide oral comments within 15 minutes of the start the session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. R. Subbaratnam's attention no later than October 17, 2002, to provide the NRC staff adequate notice to determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of September 2002.

FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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