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amended MRR application. Administrative Law Judge Paul Cross will continue to handle procedural matters that might arise.

The following procedural schedule is adopted:

- November 21, 1984—All verified statements in support, opposition or seeking protective conditions must be filed.
- November 28, 1984—All verified statements must be filed in reply to the November 21st filing.
- November 30, 1984—All requests for cross-examination must be filed.
- December 5, 1984—Cross-examination, if any, begins.
- December 11, 1984—Simultaneous briefs must be filed.
- December 17, 1984—Oral argument before the Commission.
- December 20, 1984—Open voting conference.
- December 21, 1984—Issuance of summary decision reflecting voting conference.
- January 7, 1985—Issuance of final decision with rationale.

This decision will not significantly affect either the quality of the human environment or energy conservation.

It is ordered:

1. All parties shall observe the procedural schedule prescribed in this decision.

2. The general protective order in Ordering paragraphs 4 and 5 of our April 29, 1983, decision will also apply to CNW's amended MRR application.

3. This decision is effective on November 13, 1984.

Decided: November 7, 1984.

By the Commission, Chairman Taylor, Vice Chairman Andre, Commissioners Sterrett, Gradison, Simmons, Lamboley, and Strenio. James H. Bayne, Secretary.

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[Docket Nos. AB-69 (Sub-14), AB-19 (Sub-69)]

Western Maryland Railway Co. and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co. Abandonment and Discontinuance of Service in Tucker and Randolph Counties, WV; Findings

The Commission has found that the public convenience and necessity permit the abandonment by the Western Maryland Railway Company of that portion of the Thomas Subdivision between Valuation Station 4383+48 (milepost 88.81), at or near Hendrick, and Valuation Station 5881+00 (milepost 111.39), at or near Elkins, a

distance of 24.58 miles in Tucker and Randolph Counties, WV, and the discontinuance of service over that line by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. A certificate will be issued authorizing this abandonment and discontinuance unless within 15 days after this publication the Commission also finds that: (1) A financially responsible person has offered assistance (through subsidy or purchase) to enable the rail service to be continued; and (2) it is likely that the assistance would fully compensate the railroad.

Any financial assistance offer must be filed with the Commission and the applicant no later than 10 days from publication of this Notice. The following notation shall be typed in bold face on the lower left-hand corner of the envelope containing the offer: "Rail Section, AB-OFA". Any offer previously made must be remade within this 10-day period

Information and procedures regarding financial assistance for continued rail service are contained in 49 U.S.C. 10905 and 49 CFR 1152.27

James H. Bayne, Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Abnormal Occurrence Report, Section 208 Report Submitted to the Congress

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the requirements of Section 208 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has published and issued the periodic report to Congress on abnormal occurrences (NUREG-0090, Vol. 7, No. 2).

Under the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, which created the NRC, an abnormal occurrence is defined as "an unscheduled incident or event which the Commission (NRC) determines is significant from the standpoint of public health and safety." The NRC has made a determination, based on criteria published in the Federal Register (42 FR 10950) on February 24, 1977, that events involving an actual loss or significant reduction in the degree of protection against radioactive properties of source, special nuclear, and byproduct materials are abnormal occurrences.

This report to Congress is for the second calendar quarter of 1984. The report identifies the occurrences or events that the Commission determined to be significant and reportable; the

remedial actions that were undertaken are also described. During the report period, there was one abnormal occurrence at the nuclear power plants licensed to operate; the event involved an inoperable containment spray system. There was one abnormal occurrence at the other NRC licensees; the event involved a therapeutic medical misadministration. There were no abnormal occurrences reported by the Agreement States.

The report also contains information updating some previously reported abnormal occurrences.

Interested persons may review the report at the NRC's Public Document Room, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, DC or at any of the nuclear power plant Local Public Document Rooms throughout the country.

Copies or microfiche of NUREG-0090, Vol 7, No. 2 (or any of the previous reports in this series), may be purchased by calling (301) 492-8530 or by writing to the Publication Services Section, Document Management Branch, Division of Technical Information and Document Control, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. A year's subscription to the NUREG-0090 series publication, which consists of four issues, is also available. Documents may be purchased by check, money order, Visa, MasterCard, or charged to a GPO Deposit Account.

Copies of the report may also be purchased from the National Technical Information Service, Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161.

Dated at Washington, DC this 6th day of November 1984.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission Samuel J. Chilk, Secretary of the Commission.

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Availability of Draft Issue-Oriented Site Technical Positions in the High-Level Waste Program

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is announcing the availability of Issue-Oriented Site Technical Positions (ISTPs) for the following potential geologic repository sites:

- Basalt Waste Isolation Project (BWIP)
- Nevada Nuclear Waste Storage Investigations (NNWSI)

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• Salt Repository Project (SRP)

Permian Basin Sites
Paradox Basin Sites
Gulf Coast Dome Sites

The ISTPs address site issues in the areas of geology/geophysics, waste package, geologic repository operations area design/rock mechanics, hydrology, and geochemistry.

DATE: The comment period expires January 14, 1985.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Hubert J. Miller, Chief, Repository Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail-Stop 623-SS, Washington, D.C. 20555. Copies of these documents may be obtained free of charge upon written request to Nancy Still, Docket Control Center, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail-Stop 623-SS, Washington, D.C. 20555. Telephone 1-800-368-5642, Ext. 74426 or 427-4426 for Washington area callers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hubert J. Miller, Chief, Repository Projects Branch, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555. Telephone (301) 427-4177.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, Pub. L. 97-425, (NWPA) and Commission Regulation 10 CFR Part 60 promote consultation between the Department of Energy (DOE) and NRC prior to submittal of a license application for a geologic repository. These pre-licensing consultations are to fully inform DOE about the level of information that must be provided in a license application to allow a licensing decision to be made by NRC. Guidance to DOE will be provided in NRC Site Characterization Analyses (SCAs) which document staff reviews of DOE Site Characterization Plans to be submitted according to the NWPA and 10 CFR Part 60. Supplementary guidance is presented in staff technical positions on both generic and site-specific issues.

The Issue-Oriented Site Technical Positions noticed in this announcement identify and present the rationales for the detailed technical questions (licensing issues) that must be addressed prior to licensing for each of several potentially acceptable sites that have been identified by DOE.

This will allow a determination of site and design suitability in terms of 10 CFR Part 60. They have been developed through a systematic and comprehensive assessment of the overall geological repository system and

its components and, based on current knowledge, identify those site issues that the NRC staff considers will be needed as a minimum to address 10 CFR Part 60, Subpart E.

Although submission of a license application by DOE is not expected for several years, these ISTPs are being issued at this early stage of the preclicensing consultation and guidance process for several reasons:

(1) The issues presented will serve as a set of benchmarks against which the NRC staff can independently review the relevance and completeness of issues identified by DOE in the Site Characterization Plans (SCPs).

(2) The issues provide a systematic structure for staff guidance to DOE for tracking the progress toward addressing staff concerns about licensing throughout the site characterization process. The intent is to establish a tracking system which ties together all of the various documents that are pertinent to a given issue.

(3) Finally, the issues provide a systematic and logical framework for NRC staff to organize the ultimate task of assessing geologic repository performance and compliance with criteria of 10 CFR Part 60.

The ISTPs will be followed by more detailed Site Technical Positions (STPs) which address one or more specific licensing issues. Items to be addressed in STPs include specific data information needs, methods of data collection and analyses, and treatment of uncertainties.

This announcement provides notice of availability and solicits comments on the aforementioned draft Issue-Oriented Site Technical Positions.

Dated at Silver Spring, Maryland, this 2nd day of November 1984.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
John J. Linehan,

*Acting Chief, Repository Projects Branch,
Division of Waste Management.*

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Availability of Technical Position in High-Level Waste Program

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has completed a technical position on the "Determination of Radionuclide Solubility in Groundwater for Assessment of High-level Radionuclide Waste Isolation."

ADDRESS: Copies of this document may

be obtained free of charge upon written request to Nancy Still, Docket Control Center, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mail Stop 623-SS, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone 1 (800) 368-5642, Ext. 74426, or 427-4426 for Washington, DC callers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John W. Bradbury, Project Manager, Geotechnical Branch, Division of Waste Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Telephone No. (301) 427-4055.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982, Pub. L. 97-425, (NWPA) and Commission regulation 10 CFR Part 60 promote interaction between the Department of Energy (DOE) and NRC prior to submittal of a license application for a geologic repository. These interactions are to fully inform DOE about the level of information that must be provided in a license application to allow a licensing decision to be made by NRC. Guidance to DOE is provided in NRC Site Characterization Analyses (SCA's) which document staff reviews of DOE Site Characterization Plans submitted according to the NWPA and 10 CFR Part 60. On selected key issues important to repository performance, the staff will be addressing generic concerns in technical positions. The intent of the staff is to ensure that guidance is provided to DOE at an early time and thus ensure that the DOE gathers needed data in site characterization programs.

This technical position is one in a series of technical positions prepared by the NRC staff establishing what should be achieved by DOE in investigation programs at potential repository sites. The purpose of this technical position is to provide guidance concerning an acceptable strategy for obtaining data on radionuclide solubility. The NRC staff considers that the approach used for determining the solubility of radionuclides which will be present in a high level waste repository is key to providing the data needed for predicting long term repository performance.

Dated at Silver Spring, Maryland, this 2nd day of November 1984.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
R. John Starmer,
*Acting Branch Chief, Geotechnical Branch,
Division of Waste Management, NMSS.*

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