

The GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC (GEH) license amendment request dated February 15, 2017 proposes minor clarifying administrative changes to the current SNM 2500 license. The proposed changes add descriptions of authorized materials and physical forms currently onsite and described in the GE Morris Operation (GEMO) Consolidated Safety Analysis Report (CSAR).

With the submittal of this license amendment, GEH has requested NRC add the clarifying terms "Activation Products" to License No, SNM-2500 in section 6(A)(3) and "Liquid and Solid Waste Treatment Products" in section 7(A)(2) on page 1 of the license to be consistent with the approved CSAR sections 1.4.1, 5.5.2.2, 7.3.2.2, and Appendix B.23, Section B.23.2.

GEMO Technical Justification: There is no change in the function of the licensee or the way in which it does business. The licensee's financial responsibility for its independent spent fuel storage installation and its sources of funds to support the installation will remain the same. The administrative changes to SNM 2500 will have no impact on the design, function, or operation of any structures, systems, or components. Therefore, these changes do not reduce the level of safety imposed by the current license. GEH continues to be responsible for the safe operation of the GEMO Independent Spent Fuel Storage installation.

GEMO Safety Assessment and No Genuine Issue Determination: The proposed changes are administrative in nature. There will be no physical changes to the GEMO Independent Spent Fuel Installation as a result of the proposed changes. There will be no procedure revisions that affect operation, maintenance, or performance of surveillance on the facility as a result of the proposed changes. The proposed changes have no impact on the safety of storage at the facility. Therefore, the proposed changes do not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected.

GEMO Environmental Impact Consideration: GEH has reviewed the proposed amendment and concluded that the request is eligible for a categorical exclusion from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22(c)(10). The basis for this conclusion is that the request will involve issuance of an amendment to the ISFSI license pursuant to Part 72 that does not change recordkeeping, reporting, or administrative procedures or requirements and does not involve a change in the design or operation of the facility.

Requirements for Noticing the Proposed Action: GEH has considered the amendment's potential impact on the health and safety of the public. GEH finds that this license amendment does not involve any changes in the scope or type of operations presently authorized by the license. GEH has determined that the amendment does not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected.

Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.46(b)(2), immediate action on this amendment may be taken, and a notice of the proposed action or a notice of opportunity for hearing is not warranted.

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