
Task V.G: Consolidation of NRC Locations

The objective of this task was to achieve a single location for the NRC's headquarters office.

ITEM V.G.1: ACHIEVE SINGLE LOCATION, LONG-TERM

DESCRIPTION

This NUREG-0660,¹ Rev. 1 item called for the Commission to break the impasse hindering the location of NRC and its major headquarters staff components in a single location (a single building or an adjacent group of buildings). The accomplishment of this objective was essential, among other purposes, to minimize adverse disruption of NRC headquarters upon installation of the NRC terminal of the nuclear data link and of headquarters computer and simulator equipment. (See Item III.A.3.4.) This item was originally identified as Item 15 in Chapter V but was made Item V.G.1 in Rev. 1 to NUREG-0660.²

Since its inception as an independent regulatory agency, the NRC has sought to consolidate its headquarters' staff in the Washington, D.C. area. Further emphasis was placed on this effort as a result of the TMI-2 accident and the continuing recommendations of various House and Senate Committees, special commissions, OMB, and the GAO. As a result of past discussions between senior NRC and GSA officials, both agencies acknowledged the benefits of NRC headquarters consolidation and agreed to develop alternative options that would accommodate both short- and long-term housing solutions. On November 6, 1986, GSA concluded negotiations with White Flint North Limited Partnership to purchase an 18-story building (One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland) for the consolidation of NRC.

The prospectus for completion of the NRC consolidation at White Flint has been favorably reported on by OMB and by the House Committee on Public Works. Under the terms of the Public Buildings Act of 1959, only Committee action is required for Congressional approval of the project. With Congressional approval, the GSA proposes to lease approximately 300,000 additional square feet of space in Rockville to complete consolidation. Congressional approval of the prospectus would authorize GSA to negotiate extension of existing leases of NRC-occupied buildings until relocation is completed.

The purchase contract for One White Flint North includes an option to lease a second building of similar size to be constructed on an adjacent portion of the One White Flint North site. On November 14, 1986, the government exercised this option and the developer will, under the terms of the contract, construct the second building within 30 months of the execution of the option. An option to purchase the second building may be exercised by the government in the 5th year of the 20-year lease. At present the NRC continues to be dispersed in 10 buildings located in Washington, D.C. and Maryland.

CONCLUSION

This Licensing Issue has been resolved.

ITEM V.G.2: ACHIEVE SINGLE LOCATION, INTERIM

DESCRIPTION

This NUREG-0660,³ Rev. 1 item called for the Commission to promptly reduce the distance between NRC headquarters offices by the consolidation of NRC offices in the Matomic Building (1717 H Street,

¹ NUREG-0660, "NRC Action Plan Developed as a Result of the TMI-2 Accident," U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, May 1980, (Rev. 1) August 1980.

² NUREG-0660, "NRC Action Plan Developed as a Result of the TMI-2 Accident," U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, May 1980, (Rev. 1) August 1980.

³ NUREG-0660, "NRC Action Plan Developed as a Result of the TMI-2 Accident," U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, May 1980, (Rev. 1) August 1980.

N.W., Washington, D.C.) and in some of its present Bethesda locations. This move was intended to house the NRC program offices in one building. The agencies leaving 1717 H Street were to occupy either space vacated as a result of the NRC movement from suburban areas or other undetermined space. This item was originally identified as Item 16 in Chapter V but was made Item V.G.2 in Rev. 1 to NUREG-0660.⁴

After extensive planning for the interim consolidation of major organizational elements of NRC in the Matomic Building, GSA withdrew the building from consideration for assignment in March 1982 based upon economic considerations. In September 1983, GSA further informed NRC that they were considering the relocation of all federal tenants as a result of the age and general condition of the Matomic Building.

Interim consolidation planning, the potential forced relocation from the Matomic Building, and preparation of the concurrent Agency Space Reduction Program which responds to Federal Property Management Temporary Regulations D-68 and D-70 (Work Space Management Reforms) were considered in the interim housing of NRC headquarters' staff in a minimum number of locations in Bethesda, Maryland, and Washington, D.C. Achievement of a single, interim location was never accomplished and has been overtaken by NRC efforts toward achieving a single, long-term location.

CONCLUSION

This Licensing Issue has been resolved.

⁴ NUREG-0660, "NRC Action Plan Developed as a Result of the TMI-2 Accident," U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, May 1980, (Rev. 1) August 1980.

