

Logistical Solutions has a tracking system that monitors the progress of the shipments from their originating point at SONGS until they arrive to their final destination at Envirocare in Clive, Utah. The shipments are made by either rail or combination truck/rail. According to the licensee, the transportation time alone by either rail or combination truck/rail took over 16 days on average, with one shipment taking 57 days to arrive at Envirocare.

In addition to this time, administrative procedures at Envirocare and mail delivery could add up to 11 additional days. Based on historical data and estimates of the remaining waste at SONGS Unit 1, the licensee could have to perform over 100 investigations and reports to the NRC during the next five years if the 20-day shipping criteria is maintained. The licensee affirms that the low-level radioactive waste shipments will always be tracked throughout transportation until they arrive at their intended destination. The licensee believes that the need to investigate, trace, and report to the NRC on the shipment of low-level radioactive waste packages not reaching their destination within 20 days does not serve the underlying purpose of the rule and it is not necessary. As a result, the licensee states that granting this exemption will not result in an undue hazard to life or property.

The NRC has examined the licensee's proposed exemption request and concluded that it is procedural and administrative in nature. There are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with this exemption, and it will not result in significant nonradiological environmental impacts.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

NRC has prepared the EA (summarized above) in support of the licensee's application for an exemption request. On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

IV. Further Information

The EA and the documents related to this proposed action, including the request for the exemption, are available for inspection at the NRC Public Electronic Reading Room at the following address: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/pdr.html>. The ADAMS accession number for the licensee's exemption request letter dated January 26, 2004 is ML040330945. The ADAMS

accession number for the EA is ML040780782. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737. They can also be reached via e-mail at pdr@nrc.gov. Documents may also be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC PDR, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. Any questions with respect to this action should be referred to Mr. William C. Huffman, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. He can be reached at (301) 415-1141.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Dated in Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of April, 2004.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee Meeting on Planning and Procedures; Notice of Meeting

The ACRS Subcommittee on Planning and Procedures will hold a meeting on May 5, 2004, Room T-2B1, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exception of a portion that may be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2) and (6) to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of the ACRS, and information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday, May 5, 2004—8:30 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

The Subcommittee will discuss proposed ACRS activities and related matters. The Subcommittee will gather information, analyze relevant issues and facts, and formulate proposed positions and actions, as appropriate, for deliberation by the full Committee.

Members of the public desiring to provide oral statements and/or written

comments should notify the Designated Federal Official, Mr. Sam Duraiswamy (telephone: 301-415-7364) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (e.t.) five days prior to the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public.

Further information regarding this meeting can be obtained by contacting the Designated Federal Official between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. (e.t.). Persons planning to attend this meeting are urged to contact the above named individual at least two working days prior to the meeting to be advised of any potential changes in the agenda.

Dated: April 20, 2004.

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Acting Associate Director for Technical Support, ACRS/ACNW.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Revised Information Quality Bulletin on Peer Review

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in consultation with the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), is re-proposing its new guidance designed to realize the benefits of meaningful peer review of the most important science disseminated by the Federal Government. This Notice requests comment on the revised Bulletin, now entitled "Revised Information Quality Bulletin on Peer Review." OMB originally requested comment on its "Proposed Bulletin on Peer Review and Information Quality," published in the **Federal Register** on September 15, 2003. We received 187 comments during the public comment period, listened to discussion at a public workshop at the National Academy of Sciences (NAS), and carried out an interagency review. This process led to a substantially revised Bulletin, which incorporates many of the diverse perspectives and suggestions voiced during the comment period. The public comments are posted at: http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/infoereg/2003iq/iq_list.html. A summary of the public and agency comments, including responses by OMB and OSTP, is