

*Consistent With Common Defense and Security*

The proposed exemption, as set forth above, would only affect the radiological dose analysis models and the way containment leak-tightness is measured. Thus, this exemption bears no relation to security issues. Therefore, the common defense and security is not impacted by this exemption.

*Special Circumstances*

Special circumstances, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), are present whenever application of the regulation in the particular circumstances “would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.” The underlying purpose of Appendix J is to assure that containment leak-tight integrity is maintained as tight as reasonably achievable, and sufficiently tight so as to limit effluent release to values bounded by the analyses of radiological consequences of design-basis accidents. The NRC staff has determined that the intent of the rule is not compromised by the licensee’s proposed action because containment leak rates will continue to be limited by MNGP’s Technical Specifications. Therefore, since the underlying purpose of Appendix J is achieved, the special circumstances required by 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2) for the granting of an exemption from Appendix J exist.

**4.0 Conclusion**

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. Also, special circumstances are present. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants MNGP an exemption (1) From the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, Option B, Paragraph III.A, to allow exclusion of the main steam pathway leakage from the overall integrated leakage rate measured when performing a Type A test; and (2) from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, Option B, Paragraph III.B, to allow exclusion of the main steam pathway leakage from the combined leakage rate of all penetrations and valves subject to Type B and C tests.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (71 FR 70996).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of December, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Cathy Haney,**

*Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel**

**AGENCY:** U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of the charter of the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel (LSNARP).

**SUMMARY:** The Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel was established by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission as a Federal Advisory Committee in 1989. Its purpose was to provide advice on the fundamental issues of design and development of an electronic information management system to be used to store and retrieve documents relating to the licensing of a geologic repository for the disposal of high-level radioactive waste, and on the operation and maintenance of the system. This electronic information management system was known as the Licensing Support System (LSS). In November, 1998 the Commission approved amendments to 10 CFR Part 2 that renamed the Licensing Support System Advisory Review Panel as the Licensing Support Network Advisory Review Panel.

Membership on the Panel continues to be drawn from those interests that will be affected by the use of the LSN, including the Department of Energy, the NRC, the State of Nevada, the National Congress of American Indians, affected units of local governments in Nevada, the Nevada Nuclear Waste Task Force, and a coalition of nuclear industry groups. Federal agencies with expertise and experience in electronic information management systems may also participate on the Panel.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that renewal of the charter for the LSNARP until December 6, 2008 is in the public interest in connection with duties imposed on the Commission by law. This action is being taken in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Andrew L. Bates, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; Telephone 301-504-1963.

Dated: December 6, 2006.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Notice of Availability of Interim Staff Guidance Documents for Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation Casks**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert Einziger, Sr., Materials Engineer, Structural, Mechanics, and Materials Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20005-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-2597; fax number: (301) 415-8555; e-mail: [REE1@nrc.gov](mailto:REE1@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Introduction**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) prepares draft Interim Staff Guidance (ISG) documents for spent fuel storage or transportation casks or radioactive materials transportation package designs. These ISG documents provide clarifying guidance to the NRC staff when reviewing licensee integrated safety analyses, license applications or amendment requests or other related licensing. The NRC is soliciting public comments on Draft ISG-1 Rev 2, “Damaged Fuel” which will be considered in the final version or subsequent revisions.

**II. Summary**

The purpose of this notice is to provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on the Draft Interim Staff Guidance-1 Revision 2 concerning the definition of damaged fuel. Draft Interim Staff Guidance-1, Revision 2, provides guidance to NRC staff on what documents should be reviewed and evaluated to ensure that damaged fuel is sufficiently defined to determine if it meets all regulatory functions. Additionally, the ISG provides a technical discussion on gross breaches, a methodology for defining damaged fuel in terms of its function,

and a default definition based on the ANSI 14-33 standard.

### III. Further Information

Documents related to this action are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/isg/spent-fuel.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS accession numbers for the documents related to this notice are provided in the following table. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

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These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee. Comments and questions on the draft SFPO ISG-1 Rev 2 should be directed to the NRC contact listed below by January 29, 2007. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. Robert Einziger PhD, Sr., Materials Engineer, Structural, Mechanics, and Materials Branch, Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20005-0001. Comments can also be submitted on the form provided at the Web site, by fax, or e-mail, which are as follows: telephone: (301) 415-2597; fax number: (301) 415-8555; e-mail: [REE1@nrc.gov](mailto:REE1@nrc.gov). Submittals should be in either Word or WordPerfect; no PDF files.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of December, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

### Repository Development; Yucca Mountain, NV

*Board Meeting:* January 24, 2007—Las Vegas, Nevada.

The U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will meet to discuss U.S. Department of Energy efforts to develop the proposed Yucca Mountain repository.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will meet in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Wednesday, January 24, 2007. The meeting agenda will include updates on Department of Energy (DOE) technical and scientific activities to the proposed repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain in Nevada. The meeting will be open to the public, and opportunities for public comment will be provided. The Board is charged by Congress with reviewing the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by DOE related to nuclear waste disposal as stipulated in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and to continue until approximately 6 p.m. It will be held at the Atrium Suites Hotel; 4255 South Paradise Road; Las Vegas, NV 89109; (tel.) 702-369-4400; (fax) 702-369-3770.

A final agenda detailing meeting times, topics, and participants will be available approximately one week before the meeting date. Copies of the meeting agenda can be requested by telephone or obtained from the Board's Web site at [nwtrb.gov](http://nwtrb.gov).

Time will be set aside at the end of the day for public comments. Those wanting to speak are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record. Interested parties also will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing to the Board. As time permits, submitted questions relevant to the discussion may be asked by Board members.

Transcripts of the meetings will be available on the Board's Web site, by e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board's staff, beginning on February 19, 2007.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Atrium Suites Hotel for meeting

participants. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. Reservations should be made by January 8, 2007, to ensure receiving the meeting rate.

For more information, please contact Karyn Severson, NWTRB External Affairs; 2300 Clarendon Boulevard; Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22201-3367; (tel.) 703-235-4473; (fax) 703-235-4495.

Dated: December 8, 2006.

**William D. Barnard,**

*Executive Director, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.*

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## OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provision of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that Agency is preparing an information collection request for OMB review and approval and to request public review and comment on the submission.

Comments are being solicited on the need for the information, its practical utility, the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology. The proposed form under review is summarized below.

**DATES:** Comments must be received within 60 calendar days of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the subject form and the request for review prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency submitting officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the Agency Submitting Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** OPIC Agency Submitting Officer: Essie Bryant, Record Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20527; 202-336-8563.

*Summary Form Under Review:*

*Type of Request:* Revised form.

*Title:* OPIC Self-Monitoring

*Questionnaire.*

*Form Number:* OPIC-162.