

determined that the proposed action, approval of the license amendment request as submitted, is the appropriate alternative for selection. Based on an evaluation of the environmental impacts of the amendment request, the NRC has determined that the proper action is to issue a FONSI in the **Federal Register**, and grant the amendment.

4.0 Agencies and Persons Contacted

During a September 10, 2003, telephone call with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ), NRC staff confirmed that the proposed action would not affect the regulation in 10 CFR 70.42 requiring BWXT to verify that waste disposal facilities are authorized to receive their shipments. VDEQ had no comments or concerns with the proposed action.

Because the proposed action is entirely within existing facilities and established roadways, the NRC has concluded that there is no potential to affect endangered species or historic resources, and therefore consultation with the State Historic Preservation Society and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was not necessary.

5.0 References

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), December 1977, "Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Transportation of Radioactive Material by Air and Other Modes."

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), June 1995, "Environmental Assessment for Renewal of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-42."

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), January 2003, "Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC, Amendment 35—Approval of Exemption from Fissile Material Transport Classification and Package Standards," ADAMS No. ML030080034.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact

The Commission has prepared the above Environmental Assessment related to the amendment of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-42. On the basis of the assessment, the Commission has concluded that environmental impacts associated with the proposed action would not be significant and, therefore, do not warrant the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. It has been determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate.

IV. Further Information

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," the Environmental Assessment and the documents related to this proposed action will be available electronically for public inspection from the Publicly

Available Records (PARS) component of NRC's document system (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of November, 2003.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission FY 2004-2009 Strategic Plan, NUREG-1614, Volume 3

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability of draft NUREG-1614, Volume 3, "U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, FY 2004-2009 Strategic Plan," dated November 7, 2003. The draft strategic plan will be open for public comment until December 31, 2003.

DATES: The comment period for the draft strategic plan will close on December 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any one of the following methods. Please include the phrase "Draft Strategic Plan" in the subject line of your submission. Comments submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available to the public in their entirety. Personal information will not be removed from your comments.

Preferred submission method: E-mail your comments, preferably as a WordPerfect or Microsoft Word attachment, to: NRCREP@nrc.gov.

Mail comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, MS-T6-D59, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Fax comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-5144.

Draft NUREG-1614, Volume 3, and other publicly available documents related to this notice are available for electronic viewing on public computers in the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), Public File Area O1F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville

Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The PDR's reproduction services contractor will provide copies of publicly available documents for a fee.

Publicly available documents related to this notice, including public comments received, are also available electronically through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, the public can gain entry into the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. Draft NUREG-1614, Volume 3, is publicly available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML033140570. 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.

A free single copy of Draft NUREG-1614, Volume 3, to the extent of availability, may be requested by writing to the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Reproduction and Distribution Services Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Printing and Graphics Branch, Washington, DC 20555-0001; facsimile: 301-415-2289; e-mail: DISTRIBUTION@nrc.gov.

Some publications in the NUREG series available through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections are updated regularly and may differ from the last printed version.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie W. Barnett, Director, Division of Planning, Budget, and Analysis, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-7540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a normal course of activities, agencies periodically re-visit their strategic plans. The NRC is developing a new strategic plan for FY 2004-2009 to replace the agency's existing strategic plan.

The NRC is seeking comments on its draft FY 2004-2009 Strategic Plan (ADAMS Accession No. ML033140570). The draft Strategic Plan establishes the agency's long-term strategic direction and outcomes. It provides a foundation to guide NRC's work and to allocate NRC's resources.

The NRC's draft Strategic Plan does not represent a fundamental change in the agency's mission. However, it better aligns the agency's goals with its mission and strategic objective to