

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 72-09; NRC-2016-0036]

Department of Energy

Fort St. Vrain Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License amendment; issuance

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reviewed an application by the Department of Energy (DOE) for an amendment to License No. SNM-2504 that was renewed in 2011. Under this license, DOE is authorized to receive, possess, store, and transfer spent nuclear fuel and associated radioactive materials at the Fort St. Vrain (FSV) independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI). The DOE requested approval to revise response times stated in the license's technical specifications that are associated with fuel storage container leak tests, and to make an editorial change to the technical specifications table of contents.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

By application dated February 17, 2015, as supplemented March 9, and 18, 2015, DOE submitted to the NRC, in accordance with part 72 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Register* (CFR), a request to amend License No. SNM-2504 for its FSV ISFSI located in Platteville, Colorado. This ISFSI contains spent fuel that was generated at the now-decommissioned FSV Nuclear Generating Station. License No. SNM-2504 authorizes DOE to receive, possess, store, and transfer spent nuclear fuel and associated radioactive materials at the FSV ISFSI.

Specifically, DOE requested approval to revise response times stated in the license's technical specifications that are associated with fuel storage container leak tests, and to make an editorial change to the technical specifications table of contents.

The NRC issued a letter dated March 9, 2015 (ADAMS Accession No. ML15069A008), notifying DOE that the application was acceptable for review. In accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(a), a notice of proposed action and opportunity for hearing was published in the *Federal Register* on April 20, 2015 (80 FR 21772). No requests for a hearing or for leave to intervene were submitted. Accordingly, pursuant to 10 CFR 72.46(d), the NRC is publishing this notice that the action proposed by DOE in its license amendment request has been taken.

The NRC prepared a safety evaluation report (SER) that documents its review and evaluation of the amendment request. Also in connection with this action, the NRC prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) (ADAMS Accession No. ML16028A407) containing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The Notice of Availability of the EA and FONSI for the FSV ISFSI was published in the *Federal Register* on February 23, 2016 (81 FR 9002).

Upon completing its review, the staff determined that the amendment request complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), as well as the NRC's applicable regulations. As required by the Act and such regulations, the staff made the appropriate findings which are contained in the SER (ADAMS Accession No. ML15258A235) and the EA. Based on these findings, the NRC approved DOE's amendment request and accordingly issued Amendment No. 10 to License No. SNM-2504. Amendment No. 10 was effective as of its date of issuance on March 17, 2016.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of March, 2016.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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