



NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-528, 50-529, 50-530, 72-44, 70-27, 50-73, 70-754, 50-255, 72-007, 50-305, 72-64, 70-143, 50-498, 50-499, 72-1041, 50-259, 50-260, 50-296, 72-052, 50-327, 50-328, 72-034, 50-390, 50-391, 72-1048, 50-445, 50-446, and 72-74; NRC-2024-0100]

Issuance of Multiple Exemptions Regarding Security Notifications, Reports, and Recordkeeping

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Exemptions; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a single notice to announce the issuance of 11 exemptions in response to requests from nine licensees. These exemptions were requested as a result of a change to NRC's regulations published in the *Federal Register* on March 14, 2023.

DATES: During the period from April 1, 2024, to April 30, 2024, the NRC granted 11 exemptions in response to requests submitted by nine licensees from November 14, 2023, to March 21, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2024-0100 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2024-0100. Address questions about Docket IDs in Regulations.gov to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the "FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT" section of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

During the period from April 1, 2024, to April 30, 2024, the NRC granted 11 exemptions in response to requests submitted by the following licensees: Arizona Public Service Company; BWXT Nuclear Operations Group, Inc.; GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC; Holtec Decommissioning International; Kewaunee Solutions, Inc.; Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.; South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company; Tennessee Valley Authority; and Vistra Operations Company, LLC.

These exemptions temporarily allow the licensee to deviate from certain requirements of part 73 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), “Physical Protection of Plants and Materials,” subpart T, “Security Notifications, Reports, and Recordkeeping.” In support of its exemption requests, the licensees agreed to effect site-specific administrative controls that maintain the approach to complying with 10 CFR part 73 in effect prior to the NRC’s issuance of a final rule, “Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications,” which was published in

the *Federal Register* on March 14, 2023, and became effective on April 13, 2023 (88 FR 15864).

II. Availability of Documents

The tables in this notice provide transparency regarding the number and type of exemptions the NRC has issued and provide the facility name, docket number, document description, document date, and ADAMS accession number for each exemption issued. Additional details on each exemption issued, including the exemption request submitted by the respective licensee and the NRC's decision, are provided in each exemption approval listed in the following tables. For additional directions on accessing information in ADAMS, see the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

Arizona Public Service Company; Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3; Docket Nos. 50-528, 50-529, 50-530, and 72-44

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.	Document Date
Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 and Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation - Request for Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML23335A078	November 30, 2023
Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 - Exemption from Select Requirements of 10 CFR part 73 [Security Notifications, Reports, and Recordkeeping and Suspicious Activity Reporting] (EPID L-2023-LLE-0074)	ML24032A154	April 3, 2024

BWXT Nuclear Operations Group, Inc.; Docket No. 70-27

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.	Document Date
BWXT Nuclear Operations Group, Inc. - Lynchburg, Request for Exemption from Security Event Notification and Suspicious Activity Reporting Implementation in Accordance with 10 CFR 73.5	ML23325A038	November 16, 2023
[BWXT Nuclear Operations Group, Inc.] - Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding Submittal for Exemption from Implementation of Security Event	ML24065A014	February 29, 2024

Notification and Suspicious Activity Reporting		
[BWXT Nuclear Operations Group, Inc.] - License Amendment 47 – A [Approval of Submittal for Exemption from Implementation of Security Event Notification and Suspicious Activity Reporting (Enterprise Project Identifier L-2023-SPR-0013)]	ML24060A278 (Package)	April 18, 2024

**GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC;
Vallecitos Nuclear Center;
Docket Nos. 50-73 and 70-754**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.	Document Date
[Vallecitos Nuclear Center] - Request for Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML23345A081	December 11, 2023
Vallecitos Nuclear Center (VNC) Request for Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML24004A163	January 4, 2024
[Vallecitos Nuclear Center] GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy Americas, LLC - Exemption from Select Requirements of 10 CFR part 73	ML24101A284 (Package)	April 25, 2024

**Holtec Decommissioning International;
Palisades Nuclear Plant;
Docket Nos. 50-255 and 72-007**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.	Document Date
[Palisades Nuclear Plant] - Request for Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML23340A113	December 6, 2023
Palisades Nuclear Plant - Exemption from Select Requirements of 10 CFR part 73 (EPID L-2023-LLE-0078 [Security Notifications, Reports, and Recordkeeping and Suspicious Activity Reporting])	ML24075A303	April 19, 2024

Kewaunee Solutions, Inc.;
Kewaunee Power Station;
Docket Nos. 50-305 and 72-64

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.	Document Date
Kewaunee Solutions, Inc. - Request for Exemptions from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML23332A192	November 28, 2023
Kewaunee Solutions Inc. – Exemption from Select Requirements of 10 CFR part 73 ([Security Notifications, Reports, and Recordkeeping and Suspicious Activity Reporting]) [EPID L-2023-LLE-0092]	ML24101A042	April 19, 2024

Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.;
Docket No. 70-143

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.	Document Date
Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. - Request for Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML23341A021	November 20, 2023
Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. - Response to Request for Additional Information Concerning Request for Exemption from Implementation of Security Event Notification and Suspicious Activity Reporting	ML24065A016	February 19, 2024
Nuclear Fuel Services SNM-124 Amendment 21 - Exemption from Implementation of Security Event Notification and Suspicious Activity Reporting	ML24061A271 (Package)	April 18, 2024

**South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company;
South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2;
Docket Nos. 50-498, 50-499, and 72-1041**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.	Document Date
South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 - Request for Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML23324A010	November 16, 2023
South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 - Response to Request for Additional Information for Request for Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML24081A397	March 21, 2024
South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2 - Exemption from Select Requirements of 10 CFR part 73 (EPID L-2023-LLE-0046 [Security Notifications, Reports, and Recordkeeping and Suspicious Activity Reporting])	ML24102A245	April 23, 2024

**Tennessee Valley Authority;
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3;
Docket Nos. 50-259, 50-260, 50-296, and 72-052**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.	Document Date
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3 - Request for Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML23355A206	December 21, 2023
[Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3] - Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3, Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation (EPID L-2023-LLE-0086)	ML24074A146	March 14, 2024
Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant, Units 1, 2, and 3 - Exemption from Select Requirements of 10 CFR part 73, Security Notifications, Reports, and Recordkeeping and Suspicious Activity Reporting (EPID L-2023-LLE-0086)	ML24087A230	April 18, 2024

**Tennessee Valley Authority;
Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2;
Docket Nos. 50-327, 50-328, and 72-034**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.	Document Date
Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 - Request for Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML23355A207	December 21, 2023
[Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2] - Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation (EPID L-2023-LLE-0088)	ML24074A181	March 14, 2024
Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 – Exemption from Select Requirements of 10 CFR part 73, Security Notifications, Reports, and Recordkeeping and Suspicious Activity Reporting (EPID L-2023-LLE-0088)	ML24089A088	April 18, 2024

**Tennessee Valley Authority;
Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2;
Docket Nos. 50-390, 50-391 and 72-1048**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.	Document Date
Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 - Request for Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML23355A208	December 21, 2023
[Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2] - Response to Request for Additional Information Regarding Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation (EPID L-2023-LLE-0087)	ML24074A182	March 14, 2024
Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 - Exemption from Select Requirements of 10 CFR part 73, Security Notifications, Reports, and Recordkeeping and Suspicious Activity Reporting (EPID L-2023-LLE-0087)	ML24087A191	April 18, 2024

**Vistra Operations Company, LLC;
Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2;
Docket Nos. 50-445, 50-446, and 72-74**

Document Description	ADAMS Accession No.	Document Date
Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, [Unit Nos. 1 and 2] - Request for Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML23318A471	November 14, 2023
Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, [Unit Nos. 1 and 2] - Revised Requested Compliance Date - Request for Exemption from Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications Implementation	ML24068A259	March 7, 2024
Comanche Peak Nuclear Power Plant, [Unit Nos. 1 and 2] - Exemption from Select Requirements of 10 CFR part 73 (EPID L-2023-LLE-0037 [Security Notifications, Reports, and Recordkeeping and Suspicious Activity Reporting])	ML24085A225	April 11, 2024

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