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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of January, 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Keith I. McConnell,**

*Deputy Director, Decommissioning and Uranium Recovery, Licensing Directorate, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Managing Gas Accumulation in Emergency Core Cooling, Decay Heat Removal, and Containment Spray Systems

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Generic Letter (GL) 2008-01 all holders of operating licenses for nuclear power reactors, except those who have permanently ceased operations and have certified that fuel has been permanently removed from the reactor vessel. The NRC is issuing this GL to address the issue of gas <sup>1</sup> accumulation in the emergency core cooling, decay heat removal (DHR),<sup>2</sup> and containment spray systems (hereinafter referred to as

the "subject systems"). Specifically, the NRC is issuing this GL for two purposes:

(1) To request addressees to submit information to demonstrate that the subject systems are in compliance with the current licensing and design bases and applicable regulatory requirements, and that suitable design, operational, and testing control measures are in place for maintaining this compliance, and

(2) To collect the requested information to determine if additional regulatory action is required.

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**DATES:** The GL was issued on January 11, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Not applicable.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

Warren Lyon at 301-415-2897 or by e-mail [wcl@nrc.gov](mailto:wcl@nrc.gov) or David Beaulieu at 301-415-3243 or e-mail [dpb@nrc.gov](mailto:dpb@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NRC Generic Letter 2008-01 may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR) at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. The ADAMS number for the GL is ML070360665.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of January 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Martin C. Murphy,**

*Chief, Generic Communications Branch, Division of Policy and Rulemaking, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

### Excepted Service

**AGENCY:** U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of OPM decisions granting authority to make appointments under Schedules A, B,

and C in the excepted service as required by 5 CFR 6.6 and 213.103.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** C. Penn, Group Manager, Executive Resources Services Group, Center for Human Resources, Division for Human Capital Leadership and Merit System Accountability, 202-606-2246.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Appearing in the listing below are the individual authorities established under Schedules A, B, and C between December 1, 2007, and December 31, 2007. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 is published each year.

#### *Schedule A*

No Schedule A appointments were approved for December 2007.

#### *Schedule B*

No Schedule B appointments were approved for December 2007.

#### *Schedule C*

The following Schedule C appointments were approved during December 2007.

#### *Section 213.3303 Executive Office of the President*

##### *Office of Management and Budget*

BOGS80002 Confidential Assistant to the Associate Director for Natural Resource Programs. Effective December 11, 2007.

##### *Office of National Drug Control Policy*

QQGS80002 Special Assistant to the Director to the Chief of Staff. Effective December 04, 2007.

#### *Section 213.3304 Department of State*

DSGS61103 Staff Assistant to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and Security Affairs. Effective December 4, 2007.

DSGS61270 Public Affairs Specialist to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective December 21, 2007.

#### *Section 213.3305 Department of the Treasury*

DYGS00230 Public Affairs Specialist to the Director, Public Affairs. Effective December 27, 2007.

DYGS00501 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance. Effective December 27, 2007.

DYGS00502 Senior Policy Advisor to the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance. Effective December 27, 2007.

<sup>1</sup> "Gas" as used here includes air, nitrogen, hydrogen, water vapor, or any other void that is not filled with liquid water.

<sup>2</sup> DHR, residual heat removal (RHR), and shutdown cooling are common names for systems used to cool the reactor coolant system (RCS) during some phases of shutdown operation. In this GL, the NRC staff generally uses "DHR."

*Section 213.3306 Department of Defense*

DDGS17120 Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs). Effective December 07, 2007.

DDGS17124 Special Events Coordinator to the Assistant Secretary of Defense Public Affairs. Effective December 14, 2007.

DDGS17121 Staff Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Middle East). Effective December 18, 2007.

DDGS17127 Special Assistant to the Deputy General Counsel Legal Counsel. Effective December 19, 2007.

*Section 213.3307 Department of the Army*

DWGS60086 Special Assistant to the General Counsel. Effective December 4, 2007.

*Section 213.3310 Department of Justice*

DJGS00069 Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Public Affairs. Effective December 7, 2007.

DJGS00252 Director of Advance to the Attorney General. Effective December 11, 2007.

DJGS00196 Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective December 20, 2007.

*Section 213.3311 Department of Homeland Security*

DMGS00729 Special Assistant to the Chief Privacy Officer. Effective December 07, 2007.

DMGS00735 Director of Special Projects and Protocol to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective December 27, 2007.

DMGS00736 Director of Strategic Communications to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective December 27, 2007.

*Section 213.3313 Department of Agriculture*

DAGS00928 Director of External Affairs to the Administrator, Farm Service Agency. Effective December 7, 2007.

DAGS00926 Deputy Chief of Staff to the Chief of Staff. Effective December 14, 2007.

DAGS00927 Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective December 27, 2007.

*Section 213.3314 Department of Commerce*

DCGS00603 Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for International Trade. Effective December 21, 2007.

DCGS00154 Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of Commerce for

Industry and Security. Effective December 27, 2007.

DCGS00172 Policy Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration. Effective December 27, 2007.

DCGS00338 Press Secretary to the Director of Public Affairs. Effective December 27, 2007.

DCGS00359 Confidential Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective December 27, 2007.

DCGS00492 Confidential Assistant to the Director of Advance. Effective December 27, 2007.

DCGS00561 Legislative Affairs Specialist to the Deputy Under Secretary and Deputy Director of U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Effective December 27, 2007.

DCGS60596 Confidential Assistant to the Director of Public Affairs. Effective December 27, 2007.

*Section 213.3315 Department of Labor*

DLGS60263 Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Labor-Management Programs. Effective December 11, 2007.

*Section 213.3317 Department of Education*

DBGS00658 Deputy Assistant Secretary for External Affairs to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Communications and Outreach. Effective December 4, 2007.

DBGS00531 Press Secretary to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Communications and Outreach. Effective December 19, 2007.

DBGS00644 Chief of Staff for the Office of Communications and Outreach to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Communications and Outreach. Effective December 21, 2007.

DBGS00505 Deputy Secretary's Regional Representative, Region 6 to the Director, Regional Services. Effective December 27, 2007.

*Section 213.3318 Environmental Protection Agency*

EPGS07031 Deputy Press Secretary to the Associate Administrator for Public Affairs. Effective December 4, 2007.

*Section 213.3331 Department of Energy*

DEGS00626 Special Advisor to the White House Liaison. Effective December 11, 2007.

*Section 213.3379 Commodity Futures Trading Commission*

CTOT00058 Special Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective December 17, 2007.

*Section 213.3391 Office of Personnel Management*

PMGS00065 Attorney—Advisor to the General Counsel. Effective December 7, 2007.

*Section 213.3393 Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation*

BGGS01213 Director, Communications and Public Affairs Department to the Deputy Executive Director, Office of Policy and External Affairs. Effective December 27, 2007.

*Section 213.3394 Department of Transportation*

DTGS60301 Associate Director for Governmental Affairs to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs. Effective December 4, 2007.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954–1958 Comp., p. 218.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Howard C. Weizmann,**

*Deputy Director.*

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

[Release No. 34–57171; File No. 4–534]

**Joint Industry Plan; American Stock Exchange LLC, Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated, International Securities Exchange, LLC, New York Stock Exchange LLC, and NYSE Arca, Inc.; Notice of Filing of Amendment No. 1 to the Proposed National Market System Plan for the Selection and Reservation of Securities Symbols**

January 18, 2008.

**I. Introduction**

On March 23, 2007, pursuant to Rule 608 of Regulation NMS under the Act<sup>1</sup> (“Rule 608”), American Stock Exchange LLC (“Amex”), New York Stock Exchange LLC (“NYSE”), and NYSE Arca, Inc. (“NYSE Arca”) filed with the Commission a proposed plan for the purpose of the selection and reservation of securities symbols (“Three-Characters Plan”). On March 23, 2007, The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (“Nasdaq”), National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. (“NASD”) (n/k/a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”)),<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 17 CFR 242.608.

<sup>2</sup> On July 26, 2007, the Commission approved a proposed rule change filed by NASD to amend NASD's Certificate of Incorporation to reflect its name change to Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Inc., or FINRA, in connection with the consolidation of the member firm regulatory