

Minutes of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) Meeting held on Thursday, January 16, 2003, in a closed session at CNSC Offices, 280 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

Present:

L.J. Keen, Chair
C.R. Barnes
J. Dosman
Y.M. Giroux
A. Graham
L. MacLachlan
M.J. McDill

M.A. Leblanc, Secretary
I. V. Gendron, Senior Counsel

CNSC staff advisers were I. Grant and P. Dubé.

Agenda

A closed session of the Commission was held to consider the approval of Regulatory Standard S-298 – *Nuclear Force Response Standard* and the designation of certain members of the CNSC staff as persons authorized by the Commission for the purposes of the Standard.

Background

On October 18, 2001, in response to the events of September 11, 2001, the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission issued Emergency Order 01-1 requiring major nuclear installations to bolster their security measures. Regulatory Standard S-298 has been developed to augment the Order.

Regulatory Standard S-298 has been the object of extensive consultation with the affected licensees. Given that this matter deals with security arrangements, equipment, systems and procedures, all discussions with affected licensees have been conducted in closed sessions.

CNSC staff recommended to the Commission at the closed meeting of January 16, 2003, that it approves Regulatory Standard S-298 and designate CNSC staff as persons authorized by the Commission for the purposes of the Standard. Regulatory Standard S-298 will be implemented through reference in the operating licences of affected licensees to require compliance with the Standard.

Decision

On January 16, 2003, the Commission held a closed meeting to consider this matter.

Based on its consideration of this matter, the Commission approves Regulatory Standard S-298, *Nuclear Response Force Standard*. The Commission also designates the following Commission employees as persons authorized by the Commission for the purpose of Regulatory Standard S-298, *Nuclear Response Force Standard*, namely the Director General, Directorate of Assessment and Analysis, and in the case of the Director General's absence or unavailability, the Vice-President, Operations Branch.

Given CNSC's staff extensive consultation with affected licensees and the fact that the standard constitutes prescribed information under the *General Nuclear Safety and Control Regulations*, the Commission does not consider that it is in the public interest to hold a public hearing on this matter or that it is necessary to provide an opportunity to be heard to affected licensees or the public regarding the approval of the standard.

As the Standard constitutes prescribed information, publication of Regulatory Standard S-298 will be restricted in accordance with the requirements of sections 21 and 23 of the *General Nuclear Safety and Control Regulations*.

Chair

Secretary

Date

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