

with the issues listed above, the meeting will be closed to the public in the interest of National Defense.

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In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and OMB Guidelines, the National Science Foundation is posting an expedited notice of information collection that will affect the public. Interested persons are invited to submit comments by September 15, 1995. Copies of materials may be obtained at the NSF address or telephone number shown below.

(A) *Agency Clearance Officer.* Herman G. Fleming, Division of Contracts, Policy, and Oversight, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230, or by telephone (703) 306-1243. Comments may also be submitted to:

(B) *OMB Desk Officer.* Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, ATTN: Jonathan Winer, Desk Officer, OMB, 722 Jackson Place, Room 3208, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503.

Title: Customer Service Satisfaction by Sponsored Research Offices at Academic Institutions.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Respondents/Reporting Burden: 150 respondents, 75 total burden hours.

Abstract: Purpose of the survey is to obtain views of officials in sponsored research offices at academic institutions about their satisfaction with critical aspects of the NSF proposal and award process, in particular, timeliness and clarity of information about programs and processes and responsiveness in processing proposals and awards. Method of obtaining is an e-mail survey questionnaire to individuals on the NSF electronic grants bulletin board and request responses from individuals in sponsored research offices. The bulletin board reaches the sponsored research offices of about 350 universities and colleges, with which NSF does the bulk of its proposal and award business.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-424]

Georgia Power Company, et al. (Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 1); Exemption

I

Georgia Power Company, et al. (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPR-68, which authorizes operation of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP), Unit 1. The license provides, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of a pressurized water reactor, VEGP Unit 1, at the licensee's site located near Waynesboro, Georgia.

II

Section III.D.1.(a) of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50 requires the performance of three Type A containment integrated leakage rate tests (ILRTs), at approximately equal intervals during each 10-year service period of the primary containment. The third test of each set shall be conducted when the plant is shutdown for the 10-year inservice inspection of the primary containment.

III

By letter dated May 12, 1995, as supplemented by letter dated June 6, 1995, the licensee requested temporary relief from the requirement to perform a set of three Type A tests at approximately equal intervals during each 10-year service period of the primary containment. The requested exemption would permit a one-time interval extension of the third Type A test by approximately 18 months (from the March, 1996, refueling outage, to the September, 1997, refueling outage) and would permit the third Type A test of the second 10-year inservice inspection period to not correspond with the end of the current American Society of Mechanical Engineers Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code (ASME Code) inservice inspection interval.

The licensee's request cites the special circumstances of 10 CFR 50.12, paragraph (a)(2) (ii), (iii) and (vi) as the basis for the exemption. They point out

that the existing Type B and C testing programs are not being modified by this request and will continue to effectively detect containment leakage caused by the degradation of active containment isolation components as well as containment penetrations. It has been the experience at Vogtle Unit 1 during the three Type A tests (one preoperational and two during the first 10 year inservice inspection period) conducted from 1986 to date, that any significant containment leakage paths are detected by the Type B and C testing. The Type A test results have only been confirmatory of the results of the Type B and C test results. Therefore, application of the regulation in this particular circumstance is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

Additionally, the licensee stated that their exemption request meets the requirements of 10 CFR 50.12 for the following reasons:

10 CFR 50.12 Requirements

In accordance with 10 CFR 50.12, the Commission may grant an exemption to the requirements of the regulations of 10 CFR 50 if the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, is consistent with the common defense and security, and special circumstances are present.

The Requested Exemption is Authorized by Law

There is no known law that would be violated by the granting of the proposed exemption. 10 CFR 50.12 provides the basis for granting exemptions to the requirements of 10 CFR 50 regulations. The NRC has granted similar exemptions in the past. Therefore, the exemption is authorized by law.

The Requested Exemption Does Not Present an Undue Risk to the Public Health and Safety

10 CFR 50, Appendix J states that the purpose of the regulation is to assure that leakage through primary containment and systems and components penetrating containment does not exceed allowable values, as specified in the Technical Specifications or associated bases, and that proper maintenance and repair are performed throughout the service life of the containment boundary components. The ILRT history for VEGP, Unit 1 during the first 10 year service period inspection interval indicated that the containment structure has not experienced degradation. The NRC has conducted a detailed study of integrated leak rate tests performed from 1987 to 1993. That study, documented in draft NUREG-1493, determined that 97% of the leakage rate tests that exceed the acceptance criteria are identified by LLRT programs. The LLRT program at VEGP, Unit 1 has been successful in maintaining low Type B and C containment leakage. Since there has been no identified containment structural leakage, the