

For further details with respect to this action, see the EA and other documents related to this proposed action which are available for public inspection and copying at the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20555. For additional information, contact Jack Parrott, NRC Project Manager for the UNC site at (301) 415-6700 or Mail Stop T-8F37, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 9th day of August, 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Washington Public Power Supply System; Notice of Withdrawal of Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted a request by Washington Public Power Supply System (the licensee) to withdraw its May 10, 1993, and supplement dated May 21, 1993, application for an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-21 for operation of the Nuclear Project No. 2, located in Benton County, Washington.

The proposed amendment would have revised Section 6 (Administrative Controls) of the Technical Specifications (TS) to modify the composition, organizational assignments, and reporting relationship of the personnel performing the Independent Safety Engineering Group (ISEG) function in the current Nuclear Safety Assurance Division (NSAD). Also, the change would have modified the title of the Quality Assurance (QA) member of the Plant Operations Committee (POC) to reflect the new QA organization.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment published in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 1993 (58 FR 43937). However, by letter dated September 8, 1993, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated May 10, 1993, and supplement dated May 21, 1993, and the licensee's letter dated September 8, 1993, which withdrew the application for license amendment.

The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Street, Richland, Washington 99352.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of August 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing, Renewal of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-42, Babcock & Wilcox Company, Naval Nuclear Fuel Division, Lynchburg, VA

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is considering the renewal of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-42 for the continued operation of the Babcock & Wilcox (B&W) Naval Nuclear Fuel Division (NNFD) and Lynchburg Technology Center (LTC) in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Summary of the Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action:

B&W has requested the renewal of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-42 for the NNFD and LTC for a period of 10 years. In 1994, the NRC approved the consolidation of all activities authorized under LTC's License SNM-778 into NNFD's License SNM-42.

The B&W facility is located on a 212-hectare (525-acre) site in the northeastern corner of Campbell County, approximately 8 km (5 miles) east of Lynchburg, Virginia. This site is located in a generally rural area, consisting primarily of rolling hills with gentle slopes, farmland, and woodlands. The NNFD/LTC coexists on the site with the B&W Fuel Company plant which is separately licensed by the NRC. The combined NNFD/LTC facility is centrally located on the site with the main manufacturing complex contained in a 7.7-hectare (19-acre) fenced area and the LTC complex contained in a 5.5-hectare (13.6-acre) area for a combined total of 13.2 hectares (32.6 acres).

With this renewal, the combined NNFD/LTC activities will continue. The licensed activities include:

- The fabrication of unirradiated, highly enriched uranium into complete core assemblies for nuclear reactor fuel components for the U.S. Navy propulsion program and other government agencies, as well as university and other research reactors.
- The recovery of process uranium from scrap material.
- The continuation of existing research and development operations and non-nuclear process control research.
- The availability of analytical services for commercial power plants.
- The decontamination of reactor related hardware for inspection and evaluation.

The Need for The Proposed Action

The NNFD operation primarily supports the U.S. Navy propulsion program including fuel loading and subsequent refueling of ship reactors. The demand for this operation will continue in order to maintain at least the present fleet operation. If the operation of the NNFD is discontinued, another facility will have to be used in order to meet the national security needs of the U.S. Navy. In addition, this facility provides nuclear fuel modules to U.S. Department of Energy contractors and other research institutions. The LTC performs research and development necessary to create new products and processes, along with examining and improving those of the present generation.

Denial of license renewal for the NNFD/LTC facility would require that similar activities be undertaken at another site.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

Renewal of the combined NNFD/LTC license, involves a balance of positive and negative impacts. The positive impacts include contribution to national security, lessening of dependence on fossil fuels, and lessening of the negative environmental impacts related to production and utilization of fossil fuels. The negative impacts include releases of radioactive materials in the various environmental media associated with facility operation.

For the proposed action, renewal of the combined NNFD/LTC license, the continued handling of materials and conduct of operations at the facility poses a potential impact to the environment and public health and safety. For normal operations, the impact is related to the release of low levels of toxic or radioactive materials to the environment over extended periods of time. For accident conditions, the