

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action is in response to the licensee's application dated September 19, 1994, for exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) regarding submission of revisions to the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) and design change reports for facility changes made under 10 CFR 50.59 for the CPSES. Under the proposed exemption the licensee would schedule updates to the single, unified FSAR for the two units that comprise CPSES once per fuel cycle (based on the unit with the shortest interval between scheduled refueling outages). With the current fuel cycles, FSAR updates would be submitted every 18 months.

The Need for the Proposed Action

10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) requires licensees to submit updates to their UFSAR within 6 months after each refueling outage providing that the interval between successive updates does not exceed 24 months. Since CPSES, Units 1 and 2 share a common FSAR, the licensee must update the same document within 6 months after a refueling outage for either unit. CPSES units have alternating refueling outages, thus linking the submittal of the update to the completion of one unit's refueling outage when the other unit is scheduled for a refueling outage within six to twelve months is an administrative burden which does not enhance achieving the purpose of the rule. Allowing the exemption would maintain the CPSES FSAR current within 24 months of the last revision and would not exceed the 24-month interval for submission of the 10 CFR 50.59 design change report for either unit.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does involve features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not

affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, dated October 1989.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 10, 1995, the staff consulted with the Texas State official, Mr. Authur Tate of the Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Radiation Control, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated September 19, 1994, which 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 University of Texas at Arlington Library, 702 College, P.O. Box 19497, Arlington, TX 76019.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of September 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
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Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Agenda

In accordance with the purposes of sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on October 5-7, 1995, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the Federal Register on Tuesday, August 22, 1995 (60 FR 43619).

Thursday, October 5, 1995

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting and comment briefly regarding items of current interest. During this session, the Committee will discuss priorities for preparation of ACRS reports.

8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.: Proposed Final Revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 1.152, "Criteria for Programmable Digital Computer Systems Software in Safety-Related Systems of Nuclear Power Plants." (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed final revision 1 to Regulatory Guide 1.152.

Representatives of the industry will participate, as appropriate.

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Meeting with the Director of the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research (RES) (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the RES Director on items of mutual interest, including:

- Overview of the RES program support budget for FY 1996. Impact of the proposed budget reduction on continuing and proposed research programs.
- Role of the ACRS and NSRRC in reviewing NRC research programs
- High Burnup Fuel Issues/Research activities
- Maintenance of technical capability:
 - at NRC
 - at supporting laboratories (focus on a few labs)
- Development of supporting information for risk-based regulations and performance-based regulations:
 - test cases
 - human factors
 - organizational factors

- Potential research needs in the following areas:
 - advanced plants
 - plant life extension

—digital instrumentation and control

- Severe accident "closure"

1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.: National Academy of Sciences and Engineering Study on Application of Digital Instrumentation and Control

Technology to Nuclear Power Plants (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the Chairman of the NAS Committee, which was formed to study digital I&C issues, regarding the findings and recommendations of NAS contained in its Phase I report.

Representatives of the NRC staff will participate, as appropriate.

3:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.: Shutdown Cooling Bypass Event at Hope Creek Nuclear Plant (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the findings and recommendations of the Special Inspection Team that evaluated the July 8, 1995 shutdown cooling bypass event at the Hope Creek Nuclear Plant.

Representatives of the industry will participate, as appropriate.

5:00 p.m.-6:45 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting, as well as proposed ACRS reports on the resolution of Generic Safety Issue 78, "Monitoring of Fatigue Transient Limits for the Reactor Coolant System," and on Fatigue Action Plan proposed by the NRC staff.

Friday, October 6, 1995

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding conduct of the meeting.

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: Foreign Reactor Events Involving Human Factor Issues (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear representations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding foreign reactor events involving human factor issues.

A portion of this session may be closed to discuss information provided in confidence by a foreign source.

10:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.: Supplement 5 to Generic Letter 88-20, IPE for External Events for Severe Accident Vulnerabilities (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding Supplement 5 to Generic Letter 88-20.

Representatives of the industry will participate, as appropriate.

11:45 a.m.-12:00 Noon: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)—The Committee will discuss responses

expected from the NRC Executive Director for Operations to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports.

1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m.: Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, and organizational and personnel matters relating to the ACRS staff members.

A portion of this session may be closed to discuss organizational and personnel matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee, and matters the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

1:45 p.m.-2:15 p.m.: Future ACRS Activities (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings.

2:15-6:45 p.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting, including those on the proposed resolution of Generic Safety Issue 78 and on Fatigue Action Plan.

Saturday, October 7, 1995

8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting, and on other matters noted above.

10:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.: Strategic Planning (Open)—The Committee will discuss items that are of importance to the NRC, including rebaselining of the Committee activities for FY 96-97.

12:45 p.m.-1:00 p.m.: Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters considered during this meeting and matters considered but not completed during previous meetings as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the Federal Register on October 5, 1994 (59 FR 50780). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify

Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch, at least five days before the meeting if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman.

Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting the Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) Pub. L. 92-463, I have determined that it is necessary to close portions of this meeting noted above to discuss matters that related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), to discuss information provided in confidence by a foreign source per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and to discuss matters the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6)

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunist to present oral statements and the time allotted therefore can be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief, Nuclear Reactors Branch (telephone 301-415-7364), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. EDT.

ACRS meeting notices, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are now available on FedWorld from the "NRC MAIN MENU." Direct Dial Access number to FedWorld is (800) 303-9672; the local direct dial number is 703-321-3339.

Dated: September 18, 1995.

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Advisory Committee Management Officer
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