

—Adjourn

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Executive Officer.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Public Forum on Passive Grade Crossing Safety

In connection with its investigation of the issues concerning the safety of passive grade crossings, where railroads and highways meet without gates or warning lights, the National Transportation Safety Board will convene a public forum beginning at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, May 8, 1997, at the Jacksonville Hilton Hotel, 1201 Riverplace Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida. For more information, contact Shelly Hazle, Office of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20594, telephone (202) 314-6100.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Michelle Prentice 404-562-1659 (voice) or 404-562-1674 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the public forum date.

Dated: April 23, 1997.

Bea Hardesty,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of continued approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:*

NRC Form 171, "Paper to Paper Duplication Request"

NRC Form 171A, "Multi-Media Duplication Request"

NRC Form 171B, "Microform to Paper Request"

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0066.

3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Individuals or companies requesting copies to be made by reproduction.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 18,300.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 1,208 hours (18,300 forms X .066 hr/form) or about 4 minutes per form.

7. *Abstract:* These forms are utilized by individual members of the public to request reproduction of publicly available documents in NRC's Headquarters Public Document Room (PDR). Copies of the form are utilized by the reproduction contractor to accompany the orders and are then discarded.

Submit, by June 27, 1997, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, (lower level), Washington, DC. Members of the public who are in the Washington, DC, area can access this document via modem on the Public Document Room Bulletin Board (NRC's Advanced Copy Document Library), NRC subsystem at FedWorld, 703-321-3339. Members of the public who are located outside of the Washington, DC, area can dial FedWorld, 1-800-303-9672, or use the FedWorld Internet address:

fedworld.gov (Telnet). The document will be available on the bulletin board for 30 days after the signature date of this notice. If assistance is needed in accessing the document, please contact the FedWorld help desk at 703-487-4608. Additional assistance in locating the document is available from the NRC Public Document Room, nationally at 1-800-397-4209, or within the Washington, DC, area at 202-634-3273.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements

may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 F33, Washington, DC, 20555-0001, or by telephone at (301) 415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of April, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Arnold E. Levin,

Acting Designated Senior Official for Information Resources Management.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-255]

Consumers Power Company; Palisades Plant; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55 for Facility Operating License No. DPR-20, issued to Consumers Power Company, (the licensee), for operation of the Palisades Plant located in Van Buren County, Michigan.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for physical protection of licensed activities in nuclear power reactors against radiological sabotage." The proposed action would allow implementation of a hand geometry biometric system of site access control such that photograph identification badges can be taken off site.

This environmental assessment has been prepared to address potential environmental issues related to the licensee's application of April 4, 1996.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55, paragraph (a), The licensee shall establish and maintain an onsite physical protection system and security organization.

Paragraph (1) of 10 CFR 73.55(d), "Access Requirements," specifies that "licensee shall control all points of personnel and vehicle access into a protected area." It is specified in 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) that "A numbered picture badge identification system shall be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas