

principal alternative to the action would be to deny the request (no-action alternative). Denial of the exemption request 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 resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement related to Operation of Maine Yankee Atomic Power Station (July 1972).

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 31, 1998, the NRC staff consulted with Mr. Patrick Dostie of the State of Maine, Department of Human Services, 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 this action, see the licensee's letters, dated November 6, 1997, and June 29, 1998, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C., and at the Local Public Document Room at the Wiscasset Public Library, High Street, Post Office Box 367, Wiscasset, Maine 04578.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of August 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Seymour H. Weiss,

Director, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

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 September 2-4, 1998, in Conference

Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, November 20, 1997 (62 FR 62079).

Wednesday, September 2, 1998

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.

8:45 A.M.—10:15 A.M.: Power Level Increase Request for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the Southern Nuclear Operating Company (SNOC) and the NRC staff regarding the SNOC's application for a power level increase of 8% for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2.

[**Note:** A portion of this session may be closed to discuss General Electric Nuclear Energy proprietary information.]

10:30 A.M.—12:00 Noon: Impact of the Probabilistic Risk Assessment (PRA) Results and Insights on the Regulatory System (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Nuclear Energy Institute regarding situation-specific cases where PRA results and insights have improved the existing regulatory system, and specific areas in which PRA can have a positive impact on the regulatory system.

1:00 P.M.—2:30 P.M.: Establishing a Benchmark on Risk During Low-Power and Shutdown Operations (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding staff activities associated with establishing a benchmark on risk during low-power and shutdown operations, and related matters.

2:45 P.M.—4:15 P.M.: Emergency Core Cooling System Strainer Blockage (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and BWR Owners Group regarding the NRC staff's safety evaluation of the BWR Owners Group Utility Resolution Guide for emergency core cooling system strainer blockage.

4:30 P.M.—7:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting. In addition, the Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on the lessons learned from the review of the AP600 passive plant design and on the U.S. Naval Reactors program. The Committee

will also discuss proposed technical papers to be presented at the October 1998 Quadripartite meeting.

Thursday, September 3, 1998

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.

8:35 A.M.—10:00 A.M.: Proposed Resolution of Generic Safety Issue 171, "Engineered Safety Feature Failure from Loss-of-Offsite Power Subsequent to a Loss-of-Coolant Accident" (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed resolution of Generic Safety Issue 171.

10:15 A.M.—11:45 A.M.: Meeting with the Director of the NRC Office for Analysis and Evaluation of Operational Data (AEOD) (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the AEOD Director regarding items of mutual interest, including:

- Long-term strategy for the Accident Sequence Precursor (ASP) computer codes, including Criteria for accuracy, range of application, and treatment of uncertainty.
- Methods for planning case studies. How these plans are affected by emphasis on risk-information in the regulatory process. Shaping these case studies for use in validating PRA methods.

• Strategy for encouraging greater use of AEOD studies within the NRC and within the larger reactor safety community.

- Should AEOD be collecting data etc., outside the nuclear industry? For example, should AEOD collect data on the vulnerabilities of digital electronic systems and software encountered in other industries and applications?

• AEOD activities associated with evaluating foreign event data.

11:45 A.M.—12:00 Noon: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)—The Committee will discuss responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports, including EDO's responses to ACRS comments and recommendations on the NRC Reactor Fuels Research Program, Draft Supplement 1 to NUREG 1552, "Fire Barrier Penetration Seals in Nuclear Power Plants", and on the Proposed Final Standard Review Plan Section 3.9.8 and Regulatory Guide 1.178 for Risk-Informed Inservice Inspection of Piping.

1:00 P.M.—2:15 P.M.: Degraded Auxiliary Feedwater System Capability During a Rapid Downpower Event at the Catawba Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the May 7, 1998 incident at Catawba, Unit 1 involving degraded auxiliary feedwater system capability.

2:15—3:00 P.M.: Prioritization of Generic Safety Issues (Open)—The Committee will hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding ACRS members' comments on the priority rankings proposed by the staff for a group of Generic Safety Issues.

3:15 P.M.—4:30 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, including qualifications of candidates for ACRS membership.

[**Note:** 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 information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.]

4:45 P.M.—7:00 P.M.: Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

Friday, September 4, 1998

8:30 A.M.—9:15 A.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.

9:15 A.M.—4:00 P.M. (12:00—1:00 P.M. lunch): Preparation of ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

4:00 P.M.—4:30 P.M.: Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were 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 September 4, 1997 (62 FR 46782). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. 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 of the Nuclear Reactors Branch, at least five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow 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), P.L. 92-463, I have determined that it is necessary to close portions of this meeting noted above to discuss matters that relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of this Advisory Committee per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2), General Electric Nuclear Energy proprietary information per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4), and to discuss information 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 canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, Chief of the Nuclear Reactors Branch (telephone 301/415-7364), between 7:30 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. EDT.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or reviewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Dated: August 11, 1998.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for Reclearance of a Revised Information Collection: RI 20-1

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for reclearance of a revised information collection. Annuitants who were entitled to minimum annuity before the repeal of the minimum annuity provisions on February 27, 1986, continue to be paid minimum annuity. OPM uses RI 20-1, Application for Minimum Annuity, to determine if an annuitant qualifies for minimum annuity.

Approximately 50 RI 20-1 forms will be completed annually. We estimate it takes approximately 15 minutes to complete the form. The annual burden is 13 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received by September 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to—

Lorraine E. Dettman, Chief, Operations Support Division, Retirement and Insurance Service, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street, NW, Room 3349, Washington, DC 20415-0001

and

Joseph Lackey, OPM Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, NW, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION—CONTACT: Donna G. Lease, Budget & Administrative Services Division, (202) 606-0623.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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