

Actions would be revised to reflect additional regions of fuel storage based on approval of reracking the spent fuel pool prior to issuance of the ITS.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed conversion of the CTS to the ITS for WCGS, including the beyond scope issues discussed above. Changes which are administrative in nature have been found to have no effect on the technical content of the TS. The increased clarity and understanding these changes bring to the TS are expected to improve the operators' control of WCGS in normal and accident conditions.

Relocation of requirements from the CTS to other licensee-controlled documents does not change the requirements themselves. Future changes to these requirements may then be made by the licensee under 10 CFR 50.59 and other NRC-approved control mechanisms which will ensure continued maintenance of adequate requirements. All such relocations have been found consistent with the guidelines of NUREG-1431 and the Commission's Final Policy Statement.

Changes involving more restrictive requirements have been found to enhance station safety.

Changes involving less restrictive requirements have been reviewed individually. When requirements have been shown to provide little or no safety benefit, or to place an unnecessary burden on the licensee, their removal from the TS was justified. In most cases, relaxations previously granted to individual plants on a plant-specific basis were the result of a generic action, or of agreements reached during discussions with the OG, and found to be acceptable for WCGS. Generic relaxations contained in NUREG-1431 have been reviewed by the NRC staff and found to be acceptable.

In summary, the proposed revisions to the TS were found to provide control of station operations such that reasonable assurance will be provided that the health and safety of the public will be adequately protected.

The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, will not change the quantity or types of any effluent that may be released offsite, and will not significantly increase the occupational or public exposure. Also, these changes do not increase the licensed power and allowable effluents for the station. The changes will not create any new or unreviewed environmental impacts that were not considered in the Final

Environmental Statement related to the operation of WCGS, NUREG-0878, dated June 1982. Therefore, there are no significant radiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action only involves features located entirely within the restricted area for the station defined in 10 CFR Part 20 and does not involve any historic sites. The proposed action does not affect non-radiological station effluents and has no other environmental impact. It does not increase any discharge limit for the station. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the licensee's application would result in no change in current environment 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 Wolf Creek Generating Station dated June 1982.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on March 22, 1999, the staff consulted with the Kansas State official, Mr. Vick Cooper, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, 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 application dated May 15, 1997, as supplemented by (1) the letters in 1998 dated June 30, August 5, August 28, September 24, October 16, October 23, November 24, December 2, December 17, and December 21, and (2) the letters in 1999 dated February 4

and March 5 (3 letters) 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 rooms located at the Emporia State University, William Allen White Library, 1200 Commercial Street, Emporia, Kansas 66801, and Washburn University School of Law Library, Topeka, Kansas 66621.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of March 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of March 29, April 5, 12, and 19, 1999.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of March 29

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of March 29.

Week of April 5—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 5.

Week of April 12—Tentative

Wednesday, April 14

9:00 a.m.—Briefing on Investigative Matters (Closed—Ex. 5 & 7).

11:00 a.m.—Briefing on Remaining Issues Related to Proposed Restart of Millstone Unit 2 (Public Meeting) (Contact: William Dean, 301-415-2240).

Thursday, April 15

2:00 p.m.—Briefing on Status of Uranium Recovery (Public Meeting) (Contact: King Stablein, 301-415-7238).

3:00 p.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed).

Friday, April 16

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Rulemaking For Generally Licensed Devices (Public Meeting) (Contact: Patricia Holahan, 301-415-8125).

Week of April 19—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 19.

The Schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301) 415-1292.

Contact person for more information: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: By a vote of 5-0 on March 19, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Briefing on Millstone Independent Review Team" (Closed—Ex. 2, 5 & 7), be held on March 19, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

By a vote of 5-0 on March 23, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of Hydro Resources, Inc.—ENDAUM's and SRIC's Petition For Interlocutory Review of Presiding Officer's Order Concerning Technical Qualifications (March 3, 1999)" (PUBLIC MEETING) be held on March 23, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

By a vote of 5-0 on March 25, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Briefing on Millstone Independent Review Team" (Closed—Ex. 2, 5 & 7), be held on March 25, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: March 26, 1999.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a

proposed revision of a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-1084 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is the Second Proposed Revision 3 of Regulatory Guide 1.8, "Qualification and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants." The guide will be in Division 1, "Power Reactors." This proposed revision is being developed to provide current guidance acceptable to the NRC staff regarding qualifications and training for nuclear power plant personnel. This regulatory guide would endorse an American Nuclear Society standard, ANSI/ANS-3.1-1993, "Selection, Qualification, and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants," with certain clarifications, additions, and exceptions.

The draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by May 20, 1999.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (http://ruleforum.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/library?source=*&library=rg_lib&file=). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Ms. I. Schoenfeld, (301)415-6778; e-mail ISS@nrc.gov.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

Regulatory guides are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC. Requests for single copies of draft or final guides (which may be reproduced) or for placement on an automatic distribution list for single copies of future draft guides in specific divisions should be made in writing to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Reproduction and Distribution Services Section; or by fax to (301)415-2289, or by e-mail to DISTRICTION@NRC.GOV. Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. Regulatory guides are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of March 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John W. Craig,

Director, Division of Regulatory Applications, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Performance of Commercial Activities

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

ACTION: Issuance of Transmittal Memorandum No. 19, amending OMB Circular No. A-76, "Performance of Commercial Activities."

SUMMARY: This Transmittal Memorandum updates the Federal pay raise assumptions and inflation factors used for computing the Government's in-house personnel and non-pay costs, as generally provided in the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2000. In addition, the standard retirement cost factors for the weighted average CSRS/FERS pension and Federal retiree health cost numbers are revised.

DATES: All changes in the Transmittal Memorandum are effective immediately on March 30, 1999, and shall apply to all cost comparisons in process where the Government's in-house cost estimate has not been publicly revealed before this date.