

If no petition is received within the designated 15-day period, the Director will issue the final amendment to the certificate of Compliance without further delay. If a petition for review is received, the decision on the amendment application will become final in 60 days, unless the Commission grants the petition for review or otherwise acts within 60 days after publication of this **Federal Register** Notice.

A petition for review must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, Washington, DC, by the above date.

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment and (2) the Commission's Compliance Evaluation Report. These items 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.

Date of amendment request:
December 23, 1996.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment, in accordance with a commitment made in the USEC certificate application, changes the administrative Technical Safety Requirement (TSR) that limits the working hours of facility staff who perform safety functions.

Basic for finding of no significance: 1. The proposed amendment will not result in a change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

Administrative TSR 3.2.2.b limits working hours of facility staff who perform safety functions (operators, health physics personnel, maintenance personnel, etc.). The proposed change revises TSR 3.2.2.b.2 as specified in Issue 37 of DOE/ORO-2027 Revision 3, Change A, Plan for Achieving Compliance with NRC Regulations at the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, by reducing the currently authorized limits, excluding shift turnover time, of 32 hours in any 48 hour period and 80 hours in any 7 day period, to 24 hours in any 48 hour period and 72 hours in any 7 day period, respectively. These two 8-hour reductions in overtime limits may enhance safety by reducing occupational stresses and burdens on facility staff who perform safety functions. Therefore, this TSR amendment will not result in significant

amounts of effluents that may be released offsite.

2. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

Operations at PORTS do not result in significant occupational radiation exposures. Some of the reasons being that (1) occupancy factors are low, (2) distances from radioactive sources are generally high, (3) significant shielding is provided by solid and liquid UF6 (self-shielding) and by piping and equipment, (4) depleted and low enriched uranium has low specific activities and are also comparatively low gamma radiation emitters, (5) most of the uranium in process is in gaseous form (low density), and (6) UF6 is confined within quality controlled cylinders, equipment and piping. The proposed reductions in overtime limits would not significantly affect any of these six reasons. Therefore, reducing overtime limits, as described in the assessment of criterion 1, will not measurably modify individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposures.

3. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant construction impact.

Since the proposed changes do not involve any construction, therefore, there will be no construction impacts.

4. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

The proposed changes which involve reductions in overtime limits will not result in a significant increase in the potential for UF6 releases. The proposed changes will also not result in a significant increase for, or radiological consequences from previously evaluated critical accidents. In fact, the reductions in overtime limits described in the assessment of criterion 1, may enhance safety by reducing occupational stresses and burdens on facility staff who perform safety functions. Therefore, this TSR amendment will not result in a significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

5. The proposed amendment will not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.

The proposed changes will not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident. In fact, the reductions in overtime limits described in the assessment of criterion 1, may enhance safety by reducing occupational stresses

and burdens on facility staff who perform safety functions.

6. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant reduction in any margin of safety.

The proposed change, which is described in the assessment of criterion 1, will not result in the violation of any limiting condition of operation. Therefore, it will not significantly reduce any margin of safety.

7. The proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards or security programs.

Reductions in limits to overtime would not result in a decrease in the overall effectiveness of the plant's safety program. In fact, as discussed in the assessment of criterion 1, it may enhance the effectiveness of the plant's safety program.

The staff has not identified any safeguards or security related implications from the proposed amendment. Therefore reducing the limits on overtime as discussed in the assessment of criterion 1 will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safeguards or security programs.

Effective date: 30 days after issuance.

Certificate of Compliance No. GDP-2: Amendment will revise the Technical Safety Requirements.

Local Public Document Room location: Portsmouth Public Library, 1220 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of March 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John T. Greeves,

Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Budget Rescissions and Deferrals

To the Congress of the United States

In accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974, I herewith report one proposed rescission of budgetary resources, totaling \$10 million.

The proposed rescission affects the Department of Energy.

William J. Clinton

The White House

March 19, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY*Energy Programs*

Clean Coal Technology

*Of the available funds under this
heading, \$10,000,000 are rescinded.*

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Rescission Proposal No. R97-11

PROPOSED RESCISSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY
Report Pursuant to Section 1012 of P.L. 93-344

AGENCY: Department of Energy	New budget authority..... \$ 14,879,000 (P.L. 103-332, 104-6, and 104-208)
BUREAU: Energy Programs	Other budgetary resources.. \$ 932,461,620
Appropriations title and symbol: Clean coal technology 89X0235	Total budgetary resources... \$ 947,340,620
	Amount proposed for rescission..... \$ 10,000,000
OMB identification code: 89-0235-0-1-271	Legal authority (in addition to sec. 1012):
Grant program: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antideficiency Act <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Type of account or fund: <input type="checkbox"/> Annual <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-year: _____ (expiration date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No-Year	Type of budget authority: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriation <input type="checkbox"/> Contract authority <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Justification: This program subsidizes the construction and operation of facilities to demonstrate the potential commercial feasibility of clean coal technologies.

Termination of the program, after completion of projects now underway, is part of the President's realignment of the Department of Energy. The funds proposed for rescission are not needed for any ongoing project.

Estimated Program Effect: None.

Outlay Effect: (in thousands of dollars):

1997 Outlay Estimate		Outlay Changes					
Without Rescission	With Rescission	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
244,000	244,000	---	-2,000	-4,000	-4,000	---	---

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POSTAL SERVICE

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIMES AND DATES: 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 7, 1997; 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 1997.

PLACE: New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Bourbon Orleans Hotel, 717 Orleans Street, in the Ballroom.

STATUS: April 7 (Closed); April 8 (Open).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

- Monday, April 7—10:30 a.m. (Closed)
1. Funding Approval for Dinero Seguro.
 2. Rate Case Planning Process (Part 1

- of 3).
3. Priority Mail Network.
- Tuesday, April 8—8:30 a.m. (Open)
1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting, March 3-5, 1997.
 2. Remarks of the Postmaster General/Chief Executive Officer.
 3. Office of the Inspector General FY 1997 Budget.
 4. Report on the New Orleans Performance Cluster.