

Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

By March 12, 1997, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendments to the subject facility operating licenses and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene. Requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR Part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.714 which is available 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: for Byron, the Byron Public Library District, 109 N. Franklin, P.O. Box 434, Byron, Illinois 61010; for Braidwood, the Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington, Illinois 60481. If a request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene is filed by the above date, the Commission or an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board, designated by the Commission or by the Chairman of the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, will rule on the request and/or petition; and the Secretary or the designated Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will issue a notice of hearing or an appropriate order.

As required by 10 CFR 2.714, a petition for leave to intervene shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner in the proceeding, and how that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why intervention should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The nature of the petitioner's right under the Act to be made a party to the proceeding; (2) the nature and extent of the petitioner's property, financial, or other interest in the proceeding; and (3) the possible effect of any order which may be entered in the proceeding on the petitioner's interest. The petition should also identify the specific aspect(s) of the subject matter of the proceeding as to which petitioner wishes to intervene. Any person who has filed a petition for leave to intervene or who has been admitted as a party may amend the petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended

petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendments under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene 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, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. Where petitions are filed during the last 10 days of the notice period, it is requested that the petitioner promptly so inform the Commission by a toll-free telephone call to Western Union at 1-(800) 248-5100 (in Missouri 1-(800) 342-6700). The Western Union operator should be given Datagram Identification Number N1023 and the following message addressed to Robert A. Capra: petitioner's name and telephone number; date petition was mailed; plant name; and publication date and page number of this Federal Register notice. A copy of the petition

should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to Michael I. Miller, Esquire; Sidley and Austin, One First National Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60603, attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the presiding Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

If a request for a hearing is received, the Commission's staff may issue the amendments after it completes its technical review and prior to the completion of any required hearing if it publishes a further notice for public comment of its proposed finding of no significant hazards consideration in accordance with 10 CFR 50.91 and 50.92.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated November 5, 1996, which is 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: for Byron, the Byron Public Library District, 109 N. Franklin, P.O. Box 434, Byron, Illinois 61010; for Braidwood, the Wilmington Public Library, 201 S. Kankakee Street, Wilmington, Illinois 60481.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of February 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Robert A. Capra,
Director, Project Directorate III-2, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Changes in the Operator Licensing Program; Issued

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Generic Letter 95-06, Supplement 1 to (1) inform all licensees of nuclear power reactors (except those licensees of permanently shutdown reactors who are no longer required to utilize licensed operators) about the results of the pilot program described in Generic Letter 95-

06 and (2) notify addressees of NRC's decision to change the operator licensing process so that facility licensees may voluntarily prepare the operating tests and prepare, administer, and grade the written examinations that the NRC will review, approve, and use to determine the competence of operator license applicants at power reactor facilities. This generic letter requests that addressees who are scheduled for initial operator licensing examinations and are interested in voluntarily preparing the examinations as described in the generic letter supplement to contact their NRC Regional Office to make the necessary arrangements. This generic letter supplement is available in the NRC Public Document Room under accession number 9701310141.

DATES: The generic letter was issued on January 31, 1997.

ADDRESSEES: Not applicable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart Richards at (301) 415-1031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The actions requested in this generic letter are considered voluntary.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of February, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David B. Matthews,

Acting Deputy Director, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Regulatory Analysis Technical Evaluation Handbook; Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announces the availability of "Regulatory Analysis Technical Evaluation Handbook", (NUREG/BR-0184). This document is a Handbook to be used by the NRC and its contractors in the preparation of regulatory analyses to aid NRC decision-makers in deciding whether a proposed new regulatory requirement should be imposed. In addition, it is anticipated that the Handbook will be useful to the Agreement States in their assessment of new regulatory requirements. The Handbook is an updated and revised version of an earlier document, "A Handbook for Value-Impact Assessment" (NUREG/CR-3568), issued by the NRC in 1983.

The 1983 document is being updated in this Handbook to accomplish the following objectives:

- To reflect the content of NRC's Regulatory Analysis Guidelines, NUREG/BR-0058, Rev. 2, issued in November 1995.

- To expand the scope of the Handbook to include the entire regulatory analysis process and to address facilities other than power reactors.

- To reflect NRC experience and improvements in data and methodology since the 1983 Handbook was issued.

- To reflect the guidance in the 1996 document "Economic Analysis of Federal Regulations Under Executive Order 12866". This document was prepared by a Federal interagency regulatory working group convened by the Office of Management and Budget.

NRC obtained peer review comments on the draft Handbook from the following organizations: Westinghouse Savannah River Co., Brookhaven National Laboratory, Argonne National Laboratory, and Science and Engineering Associates, Inc. The comments of these organizations are reflected in the Handbook. The draft version of the Handbook has also been used by NRC staff members since September 1993 and staff comments have been incorporated. A draft version of the Handbook was made available to the public in September 1993 (58 FR 47160) but comments were not specifically requested.

The Handbook is being issued in loose-leaf format to facilitate future revisions. NRC intends to periodically revise the Handbook as new and improved guidance, data, and methods become available. Comments on the Handbook from users and the public are welcome at any time. In particular, the NRC is requesting comments from the Agreement States on the Handbook's value in preparing regulatory documents for state rulemaking actions. Comments should be submitted to: Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publication Services, Mail Stop T-6 D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Copies of NUREG/BR-0184 may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20402-9328. Copies are also available from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. A copy is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20037.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of December, 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Frank A. Costanzi,

Deputy Director, Division of Regulatory Applications.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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List of Foreign Issuers Which Have Submitted Information Required by the Exemption Relating to Certain Foreign Securities

February 4, 1997.

Foreign private issuers with total assets in excess of \$10,000,000 and a class of equity securities held of record by 500 or more persons, of which 300 or more shareholders reside in the United States, are subject to registration under Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78a *et seq.* (the "Act").¹

Rule 12g3-2(b) (17 CFR 240.12g3-2(b)) provides an exemption from registration under Section 12(g) of the Act with respect to a foreign private issuer that submits on a current basis material specified in the Rule to the Commission. Such required material includes that information about which investors ought reasonably to be informed with respect to the issuer and its subsidiaries and which the issuer (1) has made or is required to make public pursuant to the law of the country of its domicile or in which it is incorporated or organized, (2) has filed or is required to file with a stock exchange on which its securities are traded and which was made public by such exchange and/or (3) has distributed or is required to distribute to its security holders.

On October 6, 1983, the Commission revised Rule 12g3-2(b) by terminating the availability of the exemptive rule for certain foreign issuers with securities quoted on an automated inter-dealer quotation system (which includes the NASDAQ stock market).² The Commission grandfathered indefinitely securities of non-Canadian issuers in compliance with the information-supplying exemption as of October 6, 1983 and quoted in NASDAQ on that

¹ Foreign issuers may also be subject to such requirements of the Act by reason of having securities registered and listed on a national securities exchange in the United States, and may be subject to the reporting requirements by reason of having registered securities under the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. 77a *et seq.*

² Exchange Act Release No. 20264 (Oct. 6, 1983).