

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Pasquet, Office of Variance Determination, NRTL Recognition Program at the above address, or phone (202) 219-7056.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Application

Notice is hereby given that TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc., (TUV), has made application pursuant to 29 CFR 1910.7, for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory for the equipment or materials listed below. TUV previously made application pursuant to 29 CFR 1910.7, for recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (58 FR 61101, 11/19/93), and was so recognized (60 FR 42594, 8/16/95).

The address of the TUV laboratory covered by this application is: TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc., 12 Commerce Road, Newton, Connecticut 06470.

Background

This **Federal Register** notice announces TUV's application for expansion of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory for additional test standards, dated May 12, 1997 (see Exhibit 13A). TUV's application for expansion also included a request for recognition of an additional site. However, in a letter to OSHA dated September 15, 1997 (see Exhibit 13B), TUV requested that the expansion for the standards be processed first since the recognition of the additional site required additional processing time on OSHA's part.

TUV requests recognition for the following standards when applicable to equipment or materials that will be used in environments under OSHA's jurisdiction. TUV desires recognition for testing and certification of products tested for compliance with these test standards, which are appropriate within the meaning of 29 CFR 1910.7(c):

- UL 2601-1 Medical Electrical Equipment, Part 1: General Requirements for Safety
- UL 3101-1 Electrical Equipment for Laboratory Use; Part 1: General Requirements
- UL 3111-1 Electrical Measuring and Test Equipment; Part 1: General Requirements
- UL 6500 Audio/Video and Musical Instrument Apparatus for Household, Commercial, and Similar General Use

The NRTL staff performed an on-site survey (review) of TUV's Newton, CT facility on June 23-24, 1997. In the cover memo for the on-site review report, dated October 10, 1997 (see Exhibit 14), the NRTL staff recommended that TUV's recognition be expanded to include these additional

test standards. Recognition for these standards will be granted on condition that TUV perform the testing and certification activities associated with these standards at its Newton, CT facility only. This condition will be eliminated upon OSHA's grant of recognition to TUV to permit use of other programs and procedures described in the March 9, 1995 **Federal Register** notice. (60 FR 12980 entitled, "Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratories; Clarification of the Types of Programs and Procedures")

Preliminary Finding

Based upon a review of the complete application, the on-site review report, and the recommendations of the staff, the Assistant Secretary has made a preliminary finding that TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc., can meet the requirements as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for the expansion of its recognition to include the four (4) test standards previously listed, subject to the condition noted above.

All interested members of the public are invited to supply detailed reasons and evidence supporting or challenging the sufficiency of the applicant's having met the requirements for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory, as required by 29 CFR 1910.7 and Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. Submission of pertinent written documents and exhibits shall be made no later than February 10, 1998, and must be addressed to the NRTL Program, Office of Variance Determination, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room N3653, Washington, D.C. 20210. Copies of the TUV application letter, the on-site survey (review) report, and all submitted comments, as received, are available for inspection and duplication (under Docket No. NRTL-3-92) at the Docket Office, Room N2634, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address.

The Assistant Secretary's final decision on whether the applicant (TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.) satisfies the requirements for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL will be made on the basis of the entire record including the public submissions and any further proceedings that the Assistant Secretary may consider to be appropriate in accordance with Appendix A to Section 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 1st day of December, 1997.

Charles N. Jeffress,
Assistant Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Notice of Pending Submittal to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review

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 collection 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: Policy Statement on "Criteria for Guidance of States and NRC in Discontinuance of NRC Regulatory Authority and Assumption Thereof By States Through Agreement," Maintenance of Existing Agreement State Programs, Requests for Information Through the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) Questionnaire, and Agreement State Participation in IMPEP.

2. Current OMB approval number: 3150-0183.

3. How often the collection is required: Four activities occur under this collection: Annual requirements for Agreement States to maintain their programs; IMPEP reviews conducted no less frequently than every four years; participation by Agreement States in the IMPEP reviews; and, as needed, for States interested in becoming Agreement States.

4. Who is required or asked to report: Any State receiving Agreement State status by signing Section 274b. agreements with NRC. Presently there are 30 Agreement States. Any State interested in becoming an Agreement State.

5. The number of annual respondents: 30 existing Agreement States: Approximately eight of these States are asked to respond annually. For States interested in becoming an Agreement State, one every three years.

6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: For maintenance of existing Agreement State programs and the IMPEP questionnaire: 219,600 hours (an average of 7,320 hours per State). For 8 IMPEP team reviews: 288 hours (an average of 36 hours per review). For a State interested in becoming an Agreement State, approximately 3,600 hours. The total number of hours annually is 223,848 hours.

7. Abstract: States wishing to become an Agreement State are requested to provide certain information to the NRC as specified by the Commission's Policy Statement, "Criteria for Guidance of States and NRC in Discontinuance of NRC Regulatory Authority and Assumption Thereof By States Through Agreement." Agreement States need to ensure that the Radiation Control Program under the Agreement remains adequate and compatible with the requirements of Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act and must maintain certain information. NRC conducts periodic evaluations through IMPEP to ensure that these programs are compatible with the NRC's, meet the applicable parts of Section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act, and are adequate to protect public health and safety.

Submit, by February 10, 1998, 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, D.C. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>) under the FedWorld collection link on the home page tool bar. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

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, D.C. 20555-0001, or by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by

Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of December, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,
NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief
Information Officer.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 95, Security Facility Approval and Safeguarding of National Security Information and Restricted Data.

3. *The form number if applicable:* None.

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

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* NRC regulated facilities and other organizations requiring access to NRC classified information.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 202.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 33.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 550.5 hours (374.8 hours for reporting and 175.7 hours recordkeeping, or an average of 2.7 hours per response).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* NRC regulated facilities and other organizations are required to provide information and maintain records to ensure that an adequate level

of protection is provided to NRC classified information and material.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>) under the FedWorld collection link on the home page tool bar. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by January 12, 1998. Norma Gonzales, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0047), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of December 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo Shelton,
NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief
Information Officer.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-293]

Boston Edison Company; Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering the issuance of an Order approving, under 10 CFR 50.80, an application regarding the proposed corporate restructuring of Boston Edison Company, the licensee for the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station (PNPS). By application dated June 9, 1997, Boston Edison Company informed the Commission that it is proposing to become a wholly owned subsidiary of a newly created holding company, BEC Energy. Boston Edison Company will remain the holder of its license to own and operate the PNPS. No direct transfer of the license will occur. Under the restructuring, the holders of Boston Edison Company common stock will become the holders of common stock of the holding company. After the restructuring, Boston Edison Company will continue to be a public utility providing the same utility services as it did immediately prior to the restructuring, and will continue to be an