

the **Federal Register** on May 13, 1994 (59 FR 25128) and November 27, 1996 (61 FR 60311), respectively.

As indicated in the notice establishing the Advisory Committee, the Committee consists of two Panels which will meet separately, one composed of Union-side representatives and the other of Management-side representatives. Pursuant to Section 10(a) of FACA, the Agency hereby announces that the next meetings of the Advisory Committee Panels will be held on March 12 (Union-side) and March 17, 1998 (Management-side)

#### *Time and Place*

The meeting of the Union-side Panel of the Advisory Committee will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 1998, at the National Labor Relations Board, 1099 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., in the Board Hearing Room, Rm 11000. The meeting of the Management-side Panel of the Advisory Committee will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 1998, at the same location.

#### *Agenda*

The agenda at the meetings of both Advisory Committee Panels will be: (1) The Agency's policies regarding the use of absentee ballots in Agency-conducted elections; (2) the Agency's policies regarding the use of foreign language notices, foreign language ballots and foreign language interpreters in Agency-conducted elections; (3) the Agency's policies regarding the provision of interpreters in unfair labor practice investigations and hearings; and (4) the procedures followed by the General Counsel under Sec. 10(j) of the Act in unfair labor practice cases.

#### **Public Participation**

The meetings will be open to the public. As indicated in the Agency's prior notice, within 30 days of adjournment of the later of the Advisory Committee Panel meetings, any member of the public may present written comments to the Committee on matters considered during the meetings. Written comments should be submitted to the Committee's Management Officer and Designated Federal Official, Enid W. Weber, Associate Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board, 1099 14th Street, N.W., Suite 11600, Washington, D.C. 20570-0001; telephone: (202) 273-1937.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Advisory Committee Management Officer and Designated Federal Official, Enid W. Weber, Associate Executive Secretary, National Labor Relations Board, 1099 14th Street, N.W., Suite

11600, Washington, D.C. 20570-0001; telephone: (202) 273-1937.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

**Enid W. Weber,**

*Associate Executive Secretary.*

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## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

### **Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**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 collections 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:* Security Termination Statement; Request for Access Authorization; Request for Visit or Access Approval.

2. *Current OMB approval number:* Nos. 3150-0049; 3150-0050; 3150-0051.

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

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* NRC Form 136, licensee and contractor employees, who have been granted an NRC access authorization; NRC Form 237, any employee of approximately 20 licensees and 2 contractors who will require an NRC access authorization; NRC Form 277, any employee of two current NRC contractors who (1) holds an NRC access authorization, and (2) needs to make a visit to NRC, other contractors/licensees or government agencies in which access to classified information will be involved or unescorted area access is desired.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* NRC Form 136, 22; NRC Form 237, 22; NRC Form 277, 2.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* NRC Form 136, 40; NRC Form 237, 16; NRC Form 277, 1.

7. *Abstract:* The NRC Form 136 affects the employees of licensees and contractors who have been granted an NRC access authorization. When access authorization is no longer needed, the

completion of the form apprises the respondent of their continuing security responsibilities. The NRC Form 237 is completed by licensees, NRC contractors or individuals who require an NRC access authorization. The NRC Form 277 affects the employees of contractors who have been granted an NRC access authorization and require verification of that access authorization and need-to-know in conjunction with a visit to NRC or another facility.

Submit, by May 1, 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, 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 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, DC, 20555-0001, or by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at [BJS1@NRC.GOV](mailto:BJS1@NRC.GOV).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of February, 1998.

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 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for 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 of continued approval of information collection 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:* 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.

3. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0183.

4. *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.

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

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 8.

7. *An estimated number of annual respondents:* For the 30 existing Agreement States, approximately eight are asked to respond annually. For States interested in becoming an Agreement State, an average of one every three years.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* For a State interested in becoming an Agreement State: Approximately 3,600 hours. For Agreement State participation in 10 IMPEP team reviews (8 State and 2 NRC Regions): 360 hours (an average of 36 hours per review). For maintenance of existing Agreement State programs: 219,600 hours (an average of 7,320

hours per State). For Agreement State response to 8 IMPEP questionnaires: 360 hours (an average of 45 hours per program). The total number of hours annually is 223,920 hours.

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

10. *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.

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, 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 should be directed to the OMB reviewer by April 1, 1998. Martin Offutt, Office of Management and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0183), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

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

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of February, 1998.

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 Nos. 50-424 and 50-425]

### Southern Nuclear Operating Company; Vogtle Electric Generating Plant; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) update requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Section 50.71(e)(4), for Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-68 and NPF-81 issued to Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., et al. (the licensee) for operation of the Vogtle Nuclear Generating Plant (VEGP), Units 1 and 2, located in Burke County, Georgia.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) regarding submission of revisions to the VEGP, Units 1 and 2, FSAR. Under the proposed exemption, the licensee would submit FSAR updates to the single, unified FSAR for the two units that comprise VEGP, within 6 months following the VEGP Unit 2 refueling outage, not to exceed 24 months from the last submittal.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated January 23, 1998.

##### The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action would provide an exemption to the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4), which requires licensees to submit updates to their FSAR within 6 months after each refueling outage providing that the interval between successive updates does not exceed 24 months. Since VEGP, Units 1 and 2, share a common FSAR, the licensee must update the same document within 6 months after a refueling outage for either unit. Allowing the exemption would maintain the FSAR current within 24 months of the last revision and still would not exceed a 24-month interval for submission of the 10 CFR 50.59 design change report for either unit.

##### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that issuance of the proposed exemption to 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) will have no environmental impact. The change will not increase the probability