

2. *Name:* Advisory Panel for Infrastructure, Methods & Science Studies (#1760).

Date & Time: April 30–May 1, 1998; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Room: 330.

Contact Person: Dr. Rachelle Hollander, Program Director for SDEST, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1743.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Societal Dimensions of Engineering, Science & Technology proposals as part of the education process for awards.

3. *Name:* Advisory Panel for Infrastructure, Methods & Science Studies (#1760).

Date & Time: May 1–2, 1998; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Room: 365.

Contact Person: Dr. Edward J. Hackett, Program Director for Science & Technology Studies, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1742.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Science & Technology Studies proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

4. *Name:* Advisory Panel for Infrastructure, Methods & Science Studies (#1760).

Date & Time: May 4–5, 1998; 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Room: 320.

Contact Person: Dr. Cheryl L. Eavey, Program Director for Methods, Measurement & Statistics, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1729.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Methodology, Measurement & Statistics proposal as part of the selection process for awards.

Place: National Science Foundation, Stafford Place, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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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:* 10 CFR Part 21, "Reporting of Defects and Noncompliance.

2. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150–0035.

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

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* All directors and responsible officers of firms and organizations building, operating, or owning NRC licensed facilities as well as directors and responsible officers of firms and organizations supplying basic components and safety related design, analysis, testing, inspection, and consulting services to NRC licensed facilities or activities.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 100 annually.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 17,093 (13,480 reporting hours and 3,613 recordkeeping hours).

7. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 21 implements Section 206 of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974, as amended. It requires directors and responsible officers of firms and organizations building, operating, owning, or supplying basic components to NRC licensed facilities or activities to report defects and noncompliances that could create a substantial safety hazard at NRC licensed facilities or activities. Organizations subject to 10 CFR Part 21 are also required to maintain such records as may be required to assure compliance with this regulation.

The NRC staff reviews 10 CFR Part 21 reports to determine whether the reported defects in basic components and related services and failures to comply at NRC licensed facilities or activities are potentially generic safety problems.

Submit, by May 19, 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.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of March, 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 No. 50–423]

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licensee) to withdraw its December 14, 1994, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. 49 for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3, located in New London County, Connecticut.

The proposed amendment would have (1) increased the upper bound of the overall containment integrated leakage rate required by Technical Specification (TS) 3.6.1.2.a from 0.3 wt.% per day to 0.65 wt.% per day of the containment air per 24 hours at design basis pressure, (2) revised TS 4.6.6.1.d.3 by providing more margin with respect to the drawdown time for secondary containment vacuum, and (3) revised the applicable Bases section.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in

the **Federal Register** on February 15, 1995 (60 FR 8750). However, by letter dated February 26, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated December 14, 1994, and the licensee's letter dated February 26, 1998, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents 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 located at the Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and the Waterford Library, ATTN: Vince Juliano, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 11th day of March 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James W. Andersen,

*Project Manager, Special Projects Office—
Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor
Regulation.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Northern States Power Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-22 Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

[Docket No. 50-263]

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-22 issued to Northern States Power Company (the licensee) for operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit 1, located in Wright County, Minnesota.

The proposed amendment would revise Section 2.1.A of the Technical Specifications (TS), Appendix A of the Operating License for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, to change the safety limit minimum critical power ratio (SLMCPR) values from 1.08 to 1.10 for two recirculation pump operation, and from 1.09 to 1.11 for single loop operation. The amendment would also revise pages 6 and 249b of the TS to indicate that the revised SLMCPR values are applicable only to operating cycle 19.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. The proposed amendment will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

SLMCPR [safety limit minimum critical power ratio] calculations are based on ensuring that greater than 99.9% of all fuel rods in the core avoid transition boiling if the limit is not violated. Proposed SLMCPRs preserve existing margin to transition boiling and fuel damage in the event of a postulated transient. Fuel licensing acceptance criteria for SLMCPR calculations apply to Monticello Cycle 19 in the same manner as previously applied. The probability of fuel damage is not increased.

Therefore, the proposed TS [technical specification] changes do not involve an increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. The proposed amendment will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously analyzed.

SLMCPR is a TS numerical value designed to ensure that transition boiling does not occur in 99.9% of all fuel rods in the core during the limiting postulated transient. A change in SLMCPR cannot create the possibility of any new type of accident. SLMCPR values for the new fuel cycle are calculated using previously transmitted methodology. Additionally, the Operating Limit MCPR [minimum critical power ratio] value for the QFAs [qualification fuel assemblies] in the core monitoring computer databank will be increased by 0.02 to ensure that the prior SPC [Siemens Power Corporation] review results are bounded.

Therefore, the proposed TS changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident, from any accident previously evaluated.

3. The proposed amendment will not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

Fuel licensing acceptance criteria for SLMCPR calculations apply to Monticello

Cycle 19 in the same manner as previously applied. SLMCPRs prepared by GE [General Electric] using methodology previously transmitted to the NRC ensure that greater than 99.9% of all fuel rods in the core will avoid transition boiling if the limit is not violated, thereby preserving fuel cladding integrity.

Therefore, the proposed TS changes do not involve a reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received by close of business within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.