

proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated January 28, 1998, 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 room located at the White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10610.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of April 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

George F. Wunder,

Project Manager, Project Directorate I-1, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-286]

Power Authority of the State of New York, Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3; Environmental Assessment and Finding of no Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.60 for Facility Operating License No. DPR-64, issued to the Power Authority of the State of New York (the licensee), for operation of the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3 (IP3) located in Westchester County, New York.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.60 to allow the use of Code Case N-514 in place of the safety margins required by Appendix G to 10 CFR Part 50 to determine the low temperature overpressure (LTOP) parameters.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated November 3, 1997.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.60, all light water nuclear power reactors must meet the fracture toughness requirements for the reactor coolant pressure boundary as set forth in 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix G. Since the licensee wishes to use Code Case N-514 as opposed to the requirements of Appendix G, an exemption to the regulations is necessary.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the use of Code Case N-514 in place of the safety margins required by Appendix G to 10 CFR Part 50 to determine the low temperature overpressure (LTOP) parameters and concludes that there will be no physical or operational changes to IP3.

The Commission has evaluated the environmental impact of the proposed action and has determined that the probability or consequences of accidents would not be increased by the proposed action, and that post-accident radiological releases would not be greater than previously determined. Further, the Commission has determined that the proposed action would not affect routine radiological exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does involve features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded that there is no measurable environmental impact with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated.

The principal alternative would be to deny the requested action. Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are identical.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for Indian Point Nuclear

Generating Unit No. 3, dated February 1975.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on March 20, 1998, the staff consulted with the New York State Official, Jack Spath, of the New York State Research and Development Authority regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated November 3, 1997, 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 room located at the White Plains Public Library, 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of April 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

George F. Wunder,

Project Manager, Project Directorate I-1, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

State of Oregon Relinquishment of Sealed Source and Device Evaluation and Approval Authority and Reassumption by the Commission

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of reassumption of sealed source and device evaluation and approval authority from the State of Oregon.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective April 1, 1998, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reassumed regulatory authority for sealed source and device evaluations and approvals in the Agreement State of Oregon in response to a request from the Governor of the State of Oregon to relinquish this authority.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James H. Myers, Office of State Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-2328, Internet: JHM@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Currently, the State of Oregon has an Agreement with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) which grants the State authority to regulate specific categories of radioactive materials formerly regulated by the NRC. This Agreement was entered into on July 1, 1965, pursuant to Section 274b of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Recently, the NRC received a letter from Oregon Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D. (December 8, 1997), requesting relinquishment of the State's authority to evaluate and approve sealed source and devices, and assumption of this authority by NRC. The requested action would involve reassertion of regulatory authority by NRC over activities currently regulated by Oregon pursuant to its Agreement with NRC.

The State of Oregon has conducted two sealed source and device evaluations; the last evaluation was issued in 1997. Governor Kitzhaber indicated that it would not be cost effective to fund and maintain staff to conduct sealed source and device evaluations.

The Commission has agreed to the request and has notified Oregon that effective April 1, 1998, the NRC reassumed authority to evaluate and approve sealed source and device applications within the State of Oregon. The State of Oregon will retain authority to regulate the manufacture and use of sealed sources and devices within the State in accordance with its Section 274b Agreement with the NRC.

Dated at Rockville, Md., this 3rd day of April 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Annette Vietti-Cook,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service; Positions Placed or Revoked

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in

the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia H. Paige, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on March 20, 1998 (62 FR 13706). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between February 1, 1998, and February 28, 1998, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked during February 1998.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during February 1998.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during February 1998.

Agency for International Development

Special Assistant to the Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean. Effective February 19, 1998.

Department of Agriculture

Deputy Administrator, Food Stamp Program to the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service. Effective February 12, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Food and Inspection Service. Effective February 12, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Food and Inspection Service. Effective February 12, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Housing Service. Effective February 18, 1998.

Director, Native American Programs to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations. Effective February 18, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Business Service. Effective February 27, 1998.

Deputy Press Secretary to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective February 27, 1998.

Deputy Press Secretary to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective February 27, 1998.

Department of the Army (DOD)

Staff Assistant for Policy to the Secretary of the Army. Effective February 10, 1998.

Department of Defense

Staff Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, (European and NATO Affairs). Effective February 23, 1998.

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant for White House Liaison. Effective February 24, 1998.

Staff Specialist to the Assistant Secretary (Strategy and Threat Reduction). Effective February 25, 1998.

Department of Education

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. Effective February 4, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Special Assistant, Office of the Deputy Secretary. Effective February 19, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education. Effective February 19, 1998.

Department of Health and Human Services

Strategic Planning and Policy Coordinator to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (Policy and Strategy). Effective February 4, 1998.

White House Liaison to the Chief of Staff. Effective February 24, 1998.

Confidential Assistant (Scheduling) to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective February 25, 1998.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective February 24, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development. Effective February 24, 1998.

Department of Justice

Program Manager, Violence Against Women Office to the Director, Violence Against Women Office. Effective February 26, 1998.

Department of Labor

Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor. Effective February 18, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration. Effective February 20, 1998.