

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

STATUS: Open.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Proposed Rule: Part 702, NCUA's Rules and Regulations, Prompt Corrective Action; and addition of Subpart L, Part 747, NCUA's Rules and Regulations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board, Telephone (703) 518-6304.

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Secretary of the Board.

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THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy E. Weiss, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency for the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined

that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* May 3, 1999.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Summer Seminars and Institutes for College and University Teachers in American Studies and Cultural Studies, submitted to the Division of Research and Education at the March 1, 1999 deadline.

2. *Date:* May 4, 1999.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Summer Seminars and Institutes for College and University Teachers in Western Civilization, submitted to the Division of Research and Education at the March 1, 1999 deadline.

3. *Date:* May 5, 1999.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 315.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Summer Seminars and Institutes for College and University Teachers in Philosophy and Intelligence History, submitted to the Division of Research and Education at the March 1, 1999 deadline.

4. *Date:* May 6-7, 1999.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Education Development and Demonstration in Humanities Focus Grants, submitted to the Division of Research and Education at the April 1, 1999 deadline.

5. *Date:* May 13-14, 1999.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications for Education Development and Demonstration in Humanities Focus Grants, submitted to the Division of Education at the April 1, 1999 deadline.

Nancy E. Weiss,

Advisory Committee Management 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: Extension

2. The title of the information collection: General Assignment

3. The form number if applicable: NRC Form 450

4. How often the collection is required: Once during the closeout process.

5. Who will be required or asked to report: Contractors, Grantees, and Cooperators

6. An estimate of the number of responses: 150

7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 150

8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 300 hours (2 hours per response)

9. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: N/A

10. Abstract: During the contract closeout process, the NRC requires the contractor to execute a NRC Form 450, General Assignment. Completion of the form grants the government all rights, titles, and interest to refunds arising out of the contractor performance.

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/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). 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 listed below by May 27, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0114), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

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

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of April 1999.

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. 50-289]

GPU Nuclear, Inc. et al. (Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1); Exemption

I

GPU Nuclear, Inc., *et al.* (GPUN or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-50, which authorizes operation of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1 (TMI-1 or the facility) at power levels not to exceed 2568 megawatts thermal. The facility consists of one pressurized-water reactor located at the licensee's site in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, and was licensed to operate on April 19, 1974. The license provides, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

II

Appendix R to 10 CFR part 50 contains specific requirements regarding fire protection features of nuclear power plants operating prior to January 1, 1979. Subsection III.G.2.c of Appendix R specifies, in part, the enclosure of cable and equipment and associated non-safety-related circuits of one redundant train in a fire barrier having a 1-hour rating. The underlying purpose of Subsection III.G.2.c of Appendix R is to provide reasonable assurance that one safe shutdown train and associated circuits used to achieve and maintain safe shutdown are free of fire damage. By letter dated December 31, 1996, as supplemented by letters dated September 8, 1997, December 30, 1997, May 21, 1998, October 14, 1998, November 25, 1998, and December 23, 1998, the licensee requested an exemption from the requirements of section III.G.2.c of Appendix R to the extent that they require the enclosure of one train of redundant safe-shutdown circuits in 1-hour fire-rated barriers. The licensee is requesting this exemption in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.12.

The licensee's request encompasses 10 fire zones/areas that have Thermo-

Lag installed on electrical raceways for the original purpose of providing a 1-hour rated barrier separating redundant circuits located in the same fire area in accordance with section III.G.2.c of Appendix R. In its December 31, 1996, letter, the licensee provided information indicating that the Thermo-Lag envelopes in the zones/areas for which exemptions are requested, have fire endurance ratings of less than 1 hour. The exemption was requested for fire zones/areas AB-FZ-3, AB-FZ-4, AB-FZ-5, AB-FZ-7, CB-FA-1, FH-FZ-1, FH-FZ-2, FH-FZ-6, ISPH-FZ-1, and ISPH-FZ-2. In its submittal, the licensee states that modification of the identified fire barriers to achieve a 1-hour fire rating in accordance with American Society for Testing and Materials Standard E-119 (ASTM E-119) would cost approximately \$1.0 million, which represents a substantial expenditure for minimal safety enhancement.

The staff holds to a defense-in-depth philosophy when determining adequate fire protection. In areas in which fire barriers are required to be rated at 1 hour, barriers that have actual fire endurance ratings of less than 1 hour are acceptable only if the fire area/zone also has automatic detection and fire suppression systems provided in accordance with applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and when the fire hazard to the Thermo-Lag-protected envelope is minimal. The combination of these features and conditions provides defense in depth.

The fire areas/zones that are the subject of this exemption request do not currently meet the technical requirements of section III.G.2.c of Appendix R because the Thermo-Lag electrical raceway fire barrier envelopes for the fire zones discussed above are not rated at 1 hour in accordance with the rating requirements of NRC Generic Letter 86-10, Supplement 1. Section III.G.2.c of Appendix R could only be satisfied by protecting each envelope with a 1-hour fire-rated barrier. The fire zones reviewed do not have any Thermo-Lag envelopes rated at 1 hour or more; therefore, the criteria for granting an exemption, for the most part, are based on the availability of automatic detection and suppression systems and the fire hazards present in each fire zone.

III

The staff has completed its evaluation of the licensee's request for an exemption. The licensee has administrative controls in place over transient combustibles and work in the

plant in accordance with 10 CFR part 50, Appendix R, section III.K, Items 1-8, as documented in an NRC safety evaluation dated June 4, 1984. These controls require total in situ plus allowable transient fire load in a fire area/zone (or cumulative load) to be half of what would challenge the lowest rated barrier in the zone based on equivalent fire severity. These limits are documented in licensee procedures that are referenced in and implement the licensee's Fire Protection Program under License Condition 2.c(4).

On December 31, 1996, the licensee submitted an evaluation of all Thermo-Lag Fire barriers that are the subject of this exemption request in Topical Report #094, Revision 2, "TMI 1 Evaluation of Thermo-Lag Fire Barriers," dated December 20, 1996. The licensee found that most of the barriers currently have a fire rating of less than 1 hour (when tested in accordance with the ASTM E-119). In each of the areas/zones that have automatic suppression and/or automatic detection features, the systems installed in the plant meet all applicable NFPA codes, specifically the criteria for a Class 1 detection system specified in NFPA 72D and NFPA 13 or NFPA 15 for suppression systems.

Fire zones AB-FZ-4 and FH-FZ-1 contain both automatic suppression and detection features. Fires in these zones are postulated to be slowly developing cable fires, with possible ignition sources including cable overload or transient combustibles. If a fire were to occur in these fire zones, indication of the fire would be received in the control room, through the ionization smoke detection system, and either the automatic pre-action system (AB-FZ-4) or the wet pipe sprinkler system (FH-FZ-1) would initiate suppression if the fire continued to grow. If necessary, the fire brigade would be dispatched soon thereafter. The licensee estimates that the fire brigade will respond to these fire zones 15 minutes after receiving an alarm. Manual fire fighting equipment (hand-held fire extinguishers and hose stations) is available in or adjacent to these fire zones.

Fire area CB-FA-1 contains both automatic suppression and detection capability. A fire in this area is postulated to be a slowly developing cable fire, with possible ignition sources being overload or transient combustibles. Exposure of the protected envelope to fire is possible through ignition of cable insulation. There is also an acetylene gas line running above the suspended ceiling from an external tank. The licensee committed in its October 14, 1998, and December 23, 1998, letters to install detectors for