

**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:*

10 CFR Part 74—Material Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material

NUREG 1065, Rev. 2—Acceptable Standard Format and Content for the Fundamental Nuclear Material Control (FNMC) Plan Required for Low Enriched Uranium Facilities

NUREG/CR 5734—Recommendations to the NRC on Acceptable Standard Format and Content for the Fundamental Nuclear Material Control (FNMC) Plan Required for Low-Enriched Uranium Enrichment Facilities

NUREG 1280, Rev. 1—Standard Format and Content Acceptance Criteria for the Material Control and Accounting (MC&A) Reform Amendment

3. *The form number if applicable:*

N/A

4. *How often the collection is required:* Submission of the

fundamental nuclear material control plan is a one-time requirement which has been completed by all current licensees. Specified inventory and material status reports are required annually or semiannually. Other reports are submitted as events occur.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Persons licensed under 10 CFR Parts 70 or 72 who possess and use certain forms and quantities of special nuclear material.

6. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 14

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 14

8. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or*

*request:* The total number of hours needed annually to complete the reporting and recordkeeping requirements is 5,323 (223 hours for reporting and 5,100 hours for recordkeeping).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* No.

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 74 establishes requirements for material control and accounting of special nuclear material, and specific performance-based regulations for licensees authorized to possess and use strategic special nuclear material, or to possess and use, or produce, special nuclear material of low strategic significance. The information is used by the NRC to make licensing and regulatory determinations concerning material control and accounting of special nuclear material and to satisfy obligations of the United States to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Submission or retention of the information is mandatory for persons subject to the requirements.

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 August 6, 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 (3150-0123), 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.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of June, 1999.

**Beth St. Mary,**

*Acting NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Pilot Program Evaluation Panel**

**AGENCY:** U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment of the Pilot Program Evaluation Panel (PPEP).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972 (Pub. L. 94-463, Stat. 770-776) the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announces the Establishment of the Pilot Program Evaluation Panel (PPEP). The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has determined that establishment of the Panel is necessary and is in the public interest in order to obtain advice and recommendations on a revised regulatory oversight process for commercial nuclear power plants. This action is being taken in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act after consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

The NRC has developed a revised regulatory oversight process for commercial nuclear power plant licensees as described in Commission paper SECY 99-007, "Recommendations For Reactor Oversight Process Improvements," dated January 8, 1999, and SECY-99-007A, "Recommendations For Reactor Oversight Process Improvements (Follow-up to SECY-99-007)," dated March 22, 1999. These Commission papers describe the scope and contents for performance indicator reporting, a new risk-informed baseline inspection program, a new streamlined assessment process, and a new enforcement policy. Commission paper SECY-99-007A also described a pilot program that would be performed at two sites per region to exercise these new oversight processes prior to full implementation.

The PPEP will function as a management-level, cross-disciplinary oversight group to independently monitor and evaluate the results of the pilot effort. The PPEP will meet periodically during the pilot program to review the implementation of the oversight processes and the results generated by the PI reporting, baseline inspection, assessment, and enforcement activities. These meetings will be publically announced in advance, open to the public, and all material reviewed placed in the public document room. A meeting summary will be prepared following each meeting to document the results of the meeting.

The PPEP will evaluate the pilot program results against established

success criteria. For those success criteria that are intended to measure the effectiveness of the processes, and that generally do not have a quantifiable performance measure, the PPEP will serve as an "expert panel" to review the results and evaluate how well the success criteria were met. At the end of the pilot program, the PPEP members will provide an evaluation as to whether each of the success criteria have been met. This report will include both the consensus view of the panel, along with the dissenting views of any of the panel members. The staff will use the PPEP evaluation to determine the need for any additional process development or improvements prior to full implementation.

The Panel membership will include participants from NRC headquarters and regional management, a representative from the Nuclear Energy Institute, pilot plant licensee management representatives, a representative from the Union of Concerned Scientists (a public interest group), and a representative from the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety.

The establishment of the Panel is effective on June 30, 1999 with the filing of its charter with the Commission and with the standing committees of Congress having legislative jurisdiction over the NRC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Andrew L. Bates, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; telephone 301-415-1963.

Dated: June 30, 1999.

**Andrew L. Bates,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-245]

### **Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al., Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1; Notice of Receipt and Availability for Comment of Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is in receipt of and is making available for public comment, the Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR) for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 1 (Millstone Unit 1), located in Waterford, Connecticut.

Millstone Unit 1 has been shut down since November 4, 1995, and the reactor

has been defueled since November 19, 1995. By letter dated July 21, 1998, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licensee) certified to the Commission that power operations at Millstone Unit 1 had been permanently ceased and fuel had been permanently removed from the reactor vessel. By letter dated June 14, 1999, the licensee submitted its PSDAR to the Commission in accordance with the requirements of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 50.82.

In the PSDAR, the licensee has identified the planned decommissioning activities and schedule for the Millstone Unit 1 facility, provided an estimate of expected costs, and discussed the reasons for concluding that the environmental impacts associated with site-specific decommissioning activities are bounded by the appropriate previously issued environmental impact statements. The licensee has chosen to decontaminate and dismantle selected portions of the facility and leave other portions in a safe storage status until decommissioning programs are developed for Unit 2 and Unit 3. The licensee stated, however, that it is conceivable that upon further evaluation, it may be preferable to decontaminate and dismantle Unit 1 without placing portions of the facility in safe storage. The licensee is also evaluating the feasibility of constructing an independent spent fuel storage facility on site until the fuel can be permanently transferred offsite to a Department of Energy facility.

The PSDAR is available for public inspection at the Commission's public document room located at 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 at the Waterford Library, ATTN: Vince Juliano, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut. The NRC has also placed the PSDAR on the Internet at [<http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/reports/ms1061499.htm>] (cover letter) and [<http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/reports/1061499a.htm>] (attached report).

The Commission will schedule a public meeting in the vicinity of the Millstone Unit 1 facility to solicit public comments on the Millstone Unit 1 PSDAR. A notice will be placed in the **Federal Register** and in the local media announcing the date, time, and location of the public meeting.

Comments regarding the Millstone Unit 1 PSDAR should be submitted in writing to Mr. Louis L. Wheeler, Senior Project Manager, Mail Stop O11 D-19,

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, within 30 days after the date of this notice.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th of June 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Louis L. Wheeler,**

*Senior Project Manager, Decommissioning Section, Project Directorate IV & Decommissioning Division of Licensing Project Manager, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. STN 50-454, STN 50-455]

### **Commonwealth Edison Company; Byron Station, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-37 and NPF-66, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) for operation of Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Ogle County, Illinois.

#### **Environmental Assessment**

##### *Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed amendments would delete license conditions which have been satisfied, revise others to delete parts which are no longer applicable or to revise references, and make editorial changes.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated March 14, 1997.

##### *The Need for the Proposed Action*

The NRC, as part of the original licensing process or subsequent licensing actions, may impose certain conditions on the license. The conditions are listed as part of an attachment to the license. In many cases, these conditions require certain actions by the licensee which, once completed, are no longer applicable. In order to simplify the licenses for Byron, Units 1 and 2, the licensee has proposed to delete license conditions which have been satisfied, revise others to delete parts which are no longer applicable or to revise references, and make editorial changes.

##### *Description of the Proposed Change*

The licensee proposed to modify Unit 1 license condition 2.C.(1), "Maximum Power Level," to delete references to Attachment 1 to the Unit 1 operating