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A copy of the submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room 2120 L Street NW, (lower level), Washington, DC. The proposed rule is or has been published in the **Federal Register** within several days of the publication date of this **Federal Register** Notice. Instructions for accessing the electronic OMB clearance package for the rulemaking have been appended to the electronic rulemaking. Members of the public may access the electronic OMB clearance package by following the directions for electronic access provided in the preamble to the titled rulemaking.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by September 7, 1999: Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0001), 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, Md., this 12th day of May 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

Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: 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).

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Revision.

2. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR PART 70—Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material Revision, Proposed Rule.

3. The form number if applicable: Not applicable.

4. How often the collection is required:

(a) Event reports: NRC collects and evaluates required reports on a continuing basis as events occur.

(b) License applications: Certain existing licensees will make a one-time submittal of information in response to the revised rule. Applicants for new licenses may submit applications and licensees may submit amendments at any time. Generally, licensees submit applications for license renewals every 10 years.

(c) ISA Summary: Under the revised rule, licensees will also submit information about changes that they make to update information submitted in conjunction with their license applications. Licensees will submit revised pages to the integrated safety analysis summary within 90 days of a change. For the safety system required by 10 CFR 70.62 (i.e., process safety information, integrated safety analysis, and management measures), every 12 months they will submit a summary of all changes made without prior Commission review and approval.

5. Who will be required or asked to report: Except for changes to § 70.50¹, the proposed rule will apply to only certain licensees authorized to possess a critical mass of special nuclear material. The ones included are those that are or plan to be engaged in enriched uranium processing, fabrication of uranium fuel or fuel assemblies, uranium enrichment, enriched uranium hexafluoride conversion, plutonium processing, fabrication of mixed-oxide fuel or fuel assemblies, scrap recovery, decommissioning of facilities used for these activities, or any other activity that the Commission determines could significantly affect public health and safety. The licensees to which it applies at present operate the seven major fuel fabrication facilities. The rule does not apply to the U.S. Enrichment Corporation's (USEC) gaseous diffusion plants that are regulated under Part 76.

6. An estimate of the number of annual responses: 51.

7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 7.

8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 8,844 hours per year.

9. An indication of whether section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: Applicable.

¹ The proposed change to reporting requirements in § 70.50 could impact slightly a wider variety of part 70 licensees.

10. Abstract: The NRC is proposing to amend its regulations governing the domestic licensing of special nuclear material (SNM) for licensees authorized to possess a critical mass of SNM, that are engaged in one of the following activities: Enriched uranium processing; fabrication of uranium fuel or fuel assemblies; uranium enrichment (other than USEC's gaseous diffusion plants); enriched uranium hexafluoride conversion; plutonium processing; fabrication of mixed-oxide fuel or fuel assemblies; scrap recovery of special nuclear material; or any other activity involving a critical mass of SNM that the Commission determines could significantly affect public health and safety or the environment. The proposed amendments would identify appropriate consequence criteria and the level of protection needed to prevent or mitigate accidents that exceed these criteria; require affected licensees to perform an integrated safety analysis (ISA) to identify potential accidents at the facility and the items relied on for safety necessary to prevent these potential accidents and/or mitigate their consequences; require the implementation of measures to ensure that the items relied on for safety are available and reliable to perform their function when needed; require the inclusion of the safety bases, including a summary of the ISA, with the license application; and allow for licensees to make certain changes to their safety program and facilities without prior NRC approval.

Submit, by September 7, 1999, 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?

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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, Md., this 21st day of July 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.; Notice of Partial Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted a request by GPU Nuclear, Inc. (the licensee) to partially withdraw its February 7, 1997, application for an amendment, as supplemented October 24, 1998, to Facility Operating License No. DPR-50, issued to the licensee for operation of the Three Mile Island Nuclear Station, Unit 1, located in Dauphin County Pennsylvania. Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on March 25, 1998, (63 FR 14486).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to incorporate certain improvements from the Revised Standard Technical Specifications for Babcock and Wilcox Plants, NUREG-1430, identify changes to plant systems and revisions to system descriptions not involving limiting conditions for operation, and make various editorial or typographical corrections.

Subsequently, the licensee informed the staff that the changes related to the hydrogen recombiner system on proposed TS page 4-38 in the amendment request were no longer required. Thus, that portion of the

amendment application is considered to be partially withdrawn by the licensee.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated February 7, 1997, as supplemented October 24, 1998. The licensee's letter dated October 24, 1999, also partially withdrew the application for amendment.

These 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 Law/Government Publications Section, State Library of Pennsylvania, (REGIONAL DEPOSITORY) Walnut Street and Commonwealth Avenue, Box 1601, Harrisburg, PA 17105.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 8th day of July 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of a Public Workshop to Discuss the Development of License Termination Plans and Other Guidance to Support the Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the schedule and agenda for a Public Workshop to address the issues associated with developing License Termination Plans (LTPs) to support the decommissioning of nuclear power reactors and guidance to support the decommissioning of all nuclear facilities. The purpose of this workshop is to provide a forum for NRC staff, the nuclear industry, other regulatory agencies, and interested stakeholders to discuss the issues that need to be addressed as nuclear power reactor licensees develop LTPs to support the termination of their NRC licenses, as well as the guidance being developed by the NRC to support the decommissioning of all nuclear facilities.

DATES: August 18 and 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 21, 1998, (63 FR 56237) NRC

announced that it was sponsoring a series of public workshops to support NRC staff's development of a Standard Review Plan (SRP) and other guidance for the decommissioning of nuclear facilities. On August 18 and 19, 1999, NRC staff will hold a workshop on the issues associated with the development of LTPs to support the decommissioning of nuclear power reactors and the guidance being developed by the NRC to support the decommissioning of all nuclear facilities. Presentations and discussions on August 18, 1999, will focus on LTPs, and on August 19, 1999, discussions and presentations will focus on decommissioning issues identified by State regulatory agencies and surveys to support decommissioning.

An agenda for the workshop, which was developed by NRC in conjunction with the Nuclear Energy Institute, the States, the Fuel Cycle Facility Forum and other industry stakeholders, has been posted on the NRC's Website at: <http://www.nrc.gov/NMSS/DWM/DECOM/decomm.htm> under the "NRC Standard Review Plan for Decommissioning" heading.

The workshop will be held at the NRC Headquarters Auditorium, at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. NRC strongly encourages interested stakeholders to attend and participate in this workshop, as it will offer a unique opportunity to provide NRC staff and the nuclear power industry with insights, perspectives, and information that stakeholders feel is important for the nuclear power industry to consider during the development of LTPs and for NRC to consider as it develops guidance for the decommissioning of licensed facilities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dominick A. Orlando, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, at (301) 415-6749; Clayton L. Pittiglio, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, at (301) 415-6702, or Richard S. Clement, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, at (301) 415-6625.

Dated at Rockville, Md., this 30th day of July 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

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