

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: Application for License to Export Nuclear Equipment and Material, NRC Form 7.

2. Current OMB approval number: 3150-0027.

3. How often the collection is required: On occasion; for each separate request for a specific export license and for exports of incidental radioactive material using existing general licenses.

4. Who is required or asked to report: Any person in the U.S. who wishes to export: (a) Nuclear material and equipment subject to the requirements of a specific license; (b) radioactive waste subject to the requirements of a specific license; and (c) incidental radioactive material that is a contaminant of shipments of more than 100 kilograms of non-waste material using existing NRC general licenses.

5. The number of annual respondents: 63.

6. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 150 hours (2.4 hours per response).

7. Abstract: Any person in the U.S. wishing to export nuclear material and equipment requiring a specific authorization or radioactive waste requiring a specific authorization ordinarily should file an application for a license on NRC Form 7, except that certain submittals should be filed by letter. The application will be reviewed by the NRC and by the Executive Branch, and if applicable statutory, regulatory, and policy considerations are satisfied, the NRC will issue a license authorizing the export.

A completed NRC Form 7 must also be filed by any person in the U.S. wishing to use existing NRC general licenses for the export of incidental radioactive material before the export

takes place (if the total amount of the shipment containing the incidental radioactive material exceeds 100 kilograms). The form is reviewed by the NRC to ensure that the Agency is informed before the fact of these kinds of shipments and to allow NRC to inform other interested parties, as appropriate, including import control authorities in interested foreign countries.

Submit, by November 1, 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?

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/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 about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6, 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 26th day of August 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 Nos. 50-361 AND 50-362]

Southern California Edison Co.; San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-10 and NPF-15, issued to Southern California Edison (the licensee), for operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Units 2 and 3, located in San Diego County, California.

Environmental Assessment*Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would exempt Southern California Edison from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.44, "Standards for combustible gas control system in light-water cooled power reactors," and 10 CFR part 50, Appendix A, General Design Criterion 41, "Containment atmosphere clean-up."

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated September 10, 1998, as supplemented July 19, 1999.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow the licensee to remove hydrogen control requirements from the SONGS Units 2 and 3 design basis. The hydrogen control requirements in the SONGS design basis are not required to provide assurance that the containment would not fail due to combustible gas accumulation and ignition during accidents where fission products would be present in the containment atmosphere. The exemption would also allow the licensee to modify emergency operating instructions to remove operator action requirements for controlling hydrogen concentration in containment because the hydrogen control requirements are no longer necessary.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action. Current design analyses assess the potential for offsite dose consequences based on maximum allowable leakage and the potential for containment failure. The proposed exemption does

not change the allowed leakage, and therefore does not affect the offsite dose consequences based on this criteria. The licensee has concluded and the Commission agrees that removing the hydrogen control systems will not result in containment failure for any postulated accident or normal operating conditions. The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historical sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). 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 similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Units 2 and 3, dated April 1981, with Errata dated June 1981.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 6, 1999, the staff consulted with the California State official, Mr. Steven Hsu of the Radiologic Health Branch, State Department of Health Services, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of 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 September 10, 1998, as supplemented by letter dated July 19, 1999, which 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 Main Library, University of California, Irvine, California 92713.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 25th day of August 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

L. Raghavan,

Senior Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate IV and Decommissioning Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension of Standard Form 113-A

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) intends to submit a request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for renewal of authority to collect data for the Monthly Report of Federal Civilian Employment (SF 113-A). The information that is collected provides a timely count of Governmentwide employment, payroll, and turnover data. Uses of the data include monthly reporting to OMB and publishing the bimonthly *Federal Civilian Workforce Statistics—Employment and Trends*; answering data requests from the Congress, White House, other Federal agencies, the media, and the public; Providing employment counts required by OMB; and serving as benchmark data for quality control of the Central Personnel Data File. The number of responding agencies is 130. The report is submitted 12 times a year. The total number of person-hours required by the 130 agencies to prepare and transmit the reports annually is estimated at 3,120.

Comments are particularly invited on:—Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the Office

of Personnel Management, and whether it will have practical utility;—Whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; and—Ways to assist the Office of Personnel Management which is currently actively exploring ways to electronically transmit agency data and would like any comments that would help facilitate this process.

For copies of the clearance package, call Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Reports and Forms Officer, on (202) 606-8358, or by e-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before November 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver comments to: May Eng, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Room 7439, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: May Eng, (202) 606-2684 U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request for a Revised Information Collection: OPM Form 1593

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of a revised and expired information collection. OPM Form 1593, Federal Employment Information Customer Survey, is used by the job seeking public to express their level of satisfaction with our automated employment information systems. Participation is voluntary.

We estimate 245,000 surveys will be completed annually. Each form takes approximately 1 minute to complete. The annual estimated burden is 4,083 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Mary Beth Smith-Toomey on (202) 606-8358, or E-mail to mbtoomey@opm.gov.

DATES: Comments on this proposal should be received on or before October 2, 1999.