

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of September 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-245, 50-336, and 50-423]

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO), et al., Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of exemptions from Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-21, DPR-65, and NPF-49, issued to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO/the licensee), for operation of Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Units 1, 2, and 3 (Millstone), located in New London County, Connecticut.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, Item IV.F.2.c regarding conduct of a full participation exercise of the offsite emergency plan every 2 years. Under the proposed exemption, the licensee would reschedule the Federally-observed full-participation emergency exercise from September 1999 to March 2000 and all future Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)—and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)—evaluated exercises would occur biennially from the year 2000.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated August 3, 1999.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulation, (10 CFR) Part 50, Appendix E, Item IV.F.2.c requires each licensee at each site to conduct an exercise of its offsite emergency plan biennially. The NRC and FEMA observe these exercises and evaluate the performance of the licensee, State and local authorities having a role under the emergency plan.

The licensee had initially planned to conduct an exercise of its onsite and offsite emergency plans in September 1999, which is at the end of the required interval. To support the efficient and

effective use of Federal resources, as discussed during the annual NRC Region I and FEMA (Regions I, II, and III) exercise scheduling meeting held in White Plains, New York, in December 1998, the planned September 1999 exercise for Millstone was shifted to March 2000, which is beyond the required interval.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed action involves an administrative activity (a scheduler change in conducting an exercise) unrelated to plant operations.

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 off site, 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 non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological 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 Related to the Continuation of Construction of Unit 2 and the Operation of Units 1 and 2, Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Millstone Point Company," dated June 1973 or "Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3," dated December 1984 (NUREG-1064).

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 5, 1999, the staff consulted with the Connecticut State official, Mr. Fred Scheuritzel of the Department of Environmental Protection, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments. In addition, by letter dated July 14, 1999, from Ms. Vanessa Quinn, the Federal Emergency Management Agency indicated support for rescheduling the exercise.

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 August 3, 1999, 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 rooms located at the Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and the Waterford Public Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of September 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on September 30–October 2, 1999, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64105).

Thursday, September 30, 1999

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.: *Opening*

Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.: *NRC Safety Research Programs* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the proposed ACRS report to the Commission on the NRC Safety Research Program and related matters. The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff on the proposed Mission Statement for the NRC's Office of Research.

10:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon: *Combustion Engineering Owners Group (CEOG) Proposal to Eliminate the Post-Accident Sampling System Requirements* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of CEOG and the NRC staff regarding CEOG proposal to eliminate the post-accident sampling system requirements.

1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.: *Rulemaking and Review Plans Associated with the Development of Risk-Informed Revisions to 10 CFR Part 50* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) regarding the proposed rulemaking and review plans associated with the development of risk-informed revisions to 10 CFR part 50, "Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities."

2:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m.: *Proposed Resolution of Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-148, "Smoke Control and Manual Fire Fighting Effectiveness"* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed resolution of GSI-148.

3:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.: *Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the proposed guidelines for applying risk-informed decisionmaking in the licensing process.

4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.: *Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports* (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports for consideration by the full Committee.

5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.: *Joint ACRS/ACNW Report on the Proposed Framework for Risk-Informed Regulation in NMSS* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the Joint ACRS/ACNW report.

6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.: *Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS

reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Friday, October 1, 1999

8:30 a.m.-8:35 a.m.: *Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman* (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 a.m.-10:00 a.m.: *Proposed Resolution of Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-23, "Reactor Coolant Pump Seal Failures"* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the proposed resolution of GSI-23.

10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.: *Proposed Final Amendment to 10 CFR 50.55a, "Codes and Standards"* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff, NEI and the American Society for Mechanical Engineers regarding the proposed final amendment to 10 CFR 50.55a related to elimination of the requirement to update the inservice inspection and inservice testing programs every 120 months, and the status of resolution of the issues associated with the volumetric examination of the small-bore piping of the high-pressure safety injection system.

1:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.: *Proposed Regulatory Guide on Design Bases Information* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and NEI regarding the proposed regulatory guide, which endorses NEI 97-04 document, "Design Bases Program Guidelines," and related matters.

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.: *Proposed Resolution of Generic Safety Issue B-55, "Improved Reliability of Target Rock Safety Relief Valves"* (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding proposed resolution of GSI B-55.

4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m.: *Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports* (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports for consideration by the full Committee.

5:15 p.m.-7:15 p.m.: *Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

Saturday October 2, 1999

8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.: *Discussion of ACRS Meeting with the Commission* (Open)—The Committee will discuss

the topics for the meeting with the NRC Commissioners on November 4, 1999.

10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.: *Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee* (Open)—The Committee will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business, and organizational and personnel matters relating to the ACRS.

11:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.: *Future ACRS Activities* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings.

11:15 a.m.-12:00 Noon: *Subcommittee Chairman Reports* (Open)—The Committee will hear reports by ACRS members on the proposed final revision to Regulatory Guide 1.8 on the training and qualification of personnel at nuclear power plants, possible modifications to the NRC PRA Implementation plan, and control room habitability issues.

12:00 Noon-12:45 p.m.: *Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations* (Open)—The Committee will discuss the responses from the EDO to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters. The EDO responses are expected to be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

12:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.: *Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports* (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports on matters considered during this meeting.

5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.: *Miscellaneous* (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 1998 (63 FR 51968). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, ACRS, five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras

during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with Mr. Sam Duraiswamy if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy (telephone 301/415-7364), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. EDT.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or viewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301-415-8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. EDT at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Dated: September 14, 1999.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Twenty-Seventh Water Reactor Safety Information Meeting

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Twenty-Seventh Water Reactor Safety Information Meeting will be held on October 25-27, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Maryland.

The Water Reactor Safety Information Meeting will be opened by the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research Office Director, Ashok C. Thadani. Commissioner Jeffrey S. Merrifield will be the keynote speaker for the plenary session on Monday, October 25, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. and will be followed by an expert panel addressing the issue of the impact of emerging technologies on nuclear safety research. Panel members include NRC Commissioner Edward McGaffigan, Jr.; Sigma Xi Director and Former NRC Chairman, John Ahearne; EPRI Vice President, S&T Development & Chief Nuclear Officer, Robin Jones; NEI President & CEO, Joe Colvin; Framatome's Vice President of Corporate Research, Technology & Quality, M. A. Vallee; and the Department of Energy's Director of Nuclear Energy Science, & Technology, Bill Magwood. Technical sessions will be held in the afternoon. Chairman Greta J. Dicus will be the guest speaker on Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. and will be followed by technical sessions that will last until 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, technical sessions will be held in the morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. and a plenary session featuring an expert panel addressing the issue of how best to focus both on safety and unnecessary burden reduction—the research role, will be held in the afternoon. Panel members include former NRC Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Office Director, Thomas Murley; NRC ACRS Chairman, Dana Powers; and representatives from the NEI and utility.

This meeting is international in scope and includes presentations by personnel from the NRC, U.S. Government, laboratories, private contractors, universities, the Electric Power Research Institute, reactor vendors, and a number of foreign organizations. This meeting is sponsored by the NRC and conducted by the Brookhaven National Laboratory.

The preliminary agenda for this year's meeting includes 8 sessions, along with discussions, on the following topics: Risk-Informed Regulation; Integrity of Primary Coolant Pressure Boundary; Regulatory Effectiveness Assessments; High Burnup and Mixed Fuel Oxide Fuel Under Reactivity Accident Conditions; Fuel Burnup Credit; Fission Product, Source Terms, and Applications; and Research Supporting New Technology.

Those who wish to attend are encouraged to register in advance on the newly established WRSM website (www.wrsm.bnl.gov) or by contacting Susan Monteleone, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Department of

Nuclear Energy, Building 130, Upton, NY 11973, telephone (516) 344-7235; or Sandra Nesmith (301) 415-6437, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th Day of September, 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request; Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Regulations 13D and 13G; Schedules 13D and 13G; SEC File No. 270-137; OMB Control No. 3235-0145.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Schedules 13D and 13G are filed pursuant to Sections 13(d) and 13(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") and Regulations 13D and 13G thereunder to report beneficial ownership of equity securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act. Regulations 13D and 13G are intended to provide investors and the subject issuers with information about accumulations of securities that may have the potential to change or influence control of the issuer. Schedules 13D and 13G are used by persons including small entities to report their ownership of more than 5% of a class equity securities registered under Section 12. It is estimated that approximately 10,690 respondents file Schedules 13D and 13G for a total burden of 114,718 hours. Respondents file Schedule 13D or Schedule 13G only when necessary.

The information provided by respondents is mandatory. All information provided to the Commission is public. However, Rules 0-6 and 24b-2 under the Exchange Act