

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: February 12, 1999.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy, Permit Office, Office of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 7, 1999, the National Science Foundation published a notice in the **Federal Register** of permit applications received. Permits were issued on February 8, 1999 to the following applicants:

Rennie S. Holt—Permit No. 99-010, Modification #1

Rae Natalie Prosser Goodall—Permit No. 99-020

Polly Penhale,

Program Manager.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-313]

Entergy Operations Inc.; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee) to withdraw its April 29, 1996, application for proposed amendment to Facility

Operating License No. DPR-51 for Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit No. 1, located in Pope County, Arkansas.

The proposed amendment would have revised the minimum conditions for criticality associated with pressurizer water level. The amendment would have also revised various Technical Specification Bases sections, including revising the acceptable as-found tolerance value for the pressurizer safety valves pressure setting and changing the value for flowrate through the pressurizer safety valves.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 1996 (61 FR 42279). However, by letter dated January 29, 1999, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated April 29, 1996, and the licensee's letter dated January 29, 1999, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above 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 local public document room located at the Tomlinson Library, Arkansas Tech University, Russellville, AR 72801.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 9th day of February 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Nicholas D. Hilton,
Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-1, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-458, 50-440]

License No. NPF-47, Entergy Operations, Inc. and License No. NPF-58, FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company; Notice of Informal 10 CFR 2.206 Public Hearing

In a **Federal Register** notice published on January 21, 1999 (64 FR 3320), the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) announced that it will hold an informal public hearing regarding two petitions submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 involving the River Bend Station (RBS), operated by Entergy Operations, Incorporated, (the RBS licensee), and Perry Nuclear Power Plant (PNPP), Unit 1, operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company (the PNPP

licensee). The hearing will be held on February 22, 1999. The location for the hearing will be at the NRC, room T-2B3. The NRC is located at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The hearing will be open to public attendance and will be transcribed.

In order to assist members of the public who live in the vicinity of the River Bend and Perry facilities participate in the informal public hearing being conducted in the Washington, D. C. area, the NRC will provide video teleconferencing (VTC) services at the following facilities located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Cleveland, Ohio, and Painesville, Ohio: Center For Instructional

Telecommunications, Coates Hall, Room 202, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

The Forum Conference and Education Center, Inc., One Cleveland Center Office Building, 1375 East 9th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

and,
Arthur S. Holden Center, Distance Learning Facility, Room 302, Lake Erie College, 391 West Washington Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

The video teleconferencing facilities in all three cities will be made available to the public at 12:30 p.m. EST (11:30 a.m. CST). In order to avoid a conflict with a previously-scheduled class, members of the public participating in the informal public hearing at the LSU/Baton Rouge site will need to vacate the VTC classroom at 3:45 p.m. local time (CST). Similarly, members of the public attending the informal public hearing at the Lake Erie College facility will need to vacate the VTC classroom by 5:30 p.m. local time. The NRC will make every attempt to ensure that members of the public at the Baton Rouge and Lake Erie College sites who wish to make a statement will have the opportunity to provide their comments prior to loss of the video connection. The NRC will adjust the meeting structure outlined below, as required, to allow for public comment.

The structure of the hearing shall be as follows:

Monday, February 22, 1999:

1:00 p.m.—NRC opening remarks
1:15 p.m.—Petitioner's presentation
2:00 p.m.—NRC questions
2:15 p.m.—RBS licensee's presentation
2:45 p.m.—NRC questions
3:00 p.m.—PNPP licensee's presentation
3:30 p.m.—NRC questions
3:45 p.m.—Public comments
—Baton Rouge, Louisiana VTC site
—Painesville, Ohio site
—Cleveland, Ohio VTC site
—NRC Headquarters

4:30 p.m.—Licensees/Petitioner's final statements

4:45 p.m.—Meeting concludes

Note: All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST).

By letter dated September 25, 1998, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS or Petitioner) submitted a Petition pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 requesting that the River Bend Station be immediately shut down and its operating license suspended or modified until the facility's design and licensing basis were updated to permit operation with failed fuel assemblies, or until all failed fuel assemblies were removed from the reactor core. The Petitioner also requested that a public hearing be held to discuss this matter in the Washington, D.C. area.

By letter dated November 9, 1998, the UCS also submitted a Petition pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 requesting that the Perry Nuclear Power Plant be immediately shut down and its operating license suspended or modified until the facility's design and licensing basis were updated to permit operation with failed fuel assemblies, or until all failed fuel assemblies were removed from the reactor core. The Petitioner also requested a public hearing in the Washington, D.C. area.

The purpose of this informal public hearing is to obtain additional information from the Petitioner, the licensees, and the public for NRC staff use in evaluating the Petitions. Therefore, this informal public hearing will be limited to information relevant to issues raised in the two Petitions. The staff will not offer any preliminary views on its evaluation of the Petitions. The informal public hearing will be chaired by a senior NRC official who will limit presentations to the above subject.

The format of the informal public hearing will be as follows: opening remarks by the NRC regarding the general 10 CFR 2.206 process, the purpose of informal public hearing, and a brief summary of the Petitions (15 minutes); time for the Petitioner to explain the basis of the Petitions (45 minutes); time for the NRC to ask the Petitioner questions for the purposes of clarification (15 minutes); time for the licensees to address the issues raised in the petition (30 minutes for each licensee); time for the NRC to ask the licensees questions for the purposes of clarification (15 minutes each, following licensees' presentations); time for public comments relative to the Petition (45 minutes); and time for the licensees' and Petitioner's final statements (15 minutes).

Members of the public who are interested in presenting information relative to the Petitions should notify the NRC official named below, 5 working days prior to the hearing. A brief summary of the information to be presented and the time requested should be provided in order to make appropriate arrangements. Time allotted for presentations by members of the public at all locations will be determined based upon the number of requests received and will be announced at the beginning of the hearing. The order for public presentations will be determined on a first received—first to speak basis. Written statements should be mailed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mailstop O-13H03, Attention: Robert Fretz, Washington, D.C. 20555.

Requests for the opportunity to present information can be made by contacting Robert Fretz, Project Manager, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, at (301) 415-1324 between 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (EST), Monday—Friday. Persons planning to attend this informal public hearing are urged to contact the above NRC representative 1 or 2 working days prior to the informal public hearing to be advised of any changes that may have occurred.

Directions to the video teleconferencing sites located in Baton Rouge, Cleveland and Painesville are provided below; however, participants are urged to consult local maps and directories for more detailed information to verify exact location.

To Baton Rouge VTC site at LSU from Interstate Highways I-10 and I-12 (East and West): From I-10, take one of the two exits identified for the Louisiana State University and follow the signs to the LSU Campus. Follow the signs to the LSU Visitors' Center. Members of the public will need to pick up a parking permit at the Visitors' Center. Visitors will be allowed to park along Tower Drive or utilize meter parking provided. Additional parking information may be obtained at the Visitors' Center. The video conference will be held in Room 202, Coates Hall, which is located within the Quadrangle at LSU. To Baton Rouge VTC site at LSU from St. Francisville: From US-61 South, take the I-110 exit toward Baton Rouge and merge onto I-110 South; follow I-110 to I-10. Take one of the two exits identified for Louisiana State University and follow the directions to the Visitors' Center and Coates Hall above.

Members of the Public are advised that parking at LSU is limited and are urged to arrive at the LSU Campus early

in order to obtain available parking. The public is welcome to utilize the LSU Student Union facilities for lunch prior to the start of the informal public hearing.

To Cleveland VTC from Airport: Take I-71 North to East 9th Street exit of the Innerbelt; travel North on East 9th Street to St. Clair Avenue. From I-77 North: Take the East 9th Street exit; travel North on East 9th Street to St. Clair Avenue. From I-90 Eastbound: Take the East 9th Street exit; travel North on East 9th Street to St. Clair Avenue. From I-90 Westbound: Take the East 9th Street exit; turn left onto East 9th Street to St. Clair Avenue; turn left on St. Clair Avenue for parking.

To the Lake Erie College (LEC) VTC facility from Interstate 90: From I-90, take SR-44 North toward Painesville. Exit at SR-2 North/East and follow SR-2 to the SR-283 exit. Take SR-283 to US Route 20, and turn right on US-20. Lake Erie College is located on US-20. Heading from Painesville, take the second drive (left turn) into the Lake Erie College campus. There are two large parking lots available to the public on the left. The parking lot for Holden Center will be the second lot on the left. To Lake Erie College VTC facility heading East on US Route 20: Take the first drive (right turn) into the LEC campus. There are two large parking lots available to the public on the left. The parking lot for Holden Center will be the second lot on the left. The Distance Learning Center is located in Room 302 of the Arthur S. Holden Center.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of February 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Elinor G. Adensam,

Director, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-302]

Florida Power Corporation, et al. (Crystal River, Unit 3); Correction of Exemption

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The Florida Power Corporation, et. al. (FPC or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-72, which authorizes operation of Crystal River Unit 3. The license provides that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.