

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Wayfarer Inn, 121 S. River Road, U.S. Route 3, Bedford, New Hampshire.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth M. Becker, Executive Director, Northeast Dairy Compact Commission, 34 Barre Street, Suite 2, Montpelier, VT 05602. Telephone (802) 229-1941.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7256.

Dated: March 8, 2000.

Kenneth M. Becker,
Executive Director.

[FR Doc. 00-6155 Filed 3-13-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 1650-01-U

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-338 and 50-339]

Virginia Electric and Power Co.; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Virginia Electric and Power Company (the licensee) to withdraw its May 3, 1999, application for proposed amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-4 and NPF-7 for the North Anna Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in Louisa County, Virginia.

The proposed changes would have deleted and/or relocated the additional primary-to-secondary leak rate limits and enhanced leakage monitoring requirements imposed following the 1987 steam generator tube rupture event.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on June 2, 1999 (64 FR 29716). However, by letter dated February 23, 2000, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated May 3, 1999, and the licensee's letter dated February 23, 2000, 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 accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of March 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Gordon E. Edison,

Senior Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate II, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

[FR Doc. 00-6196 Filed 3-13-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplement to the Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities and To Hold Public Meetings for the Purpose of Scoping and To Solicit Public Input Into the Process

Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) intends to prepare a draft supplement to the Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) on Decommissioning of Nuclear Facilities (NUREG-0586, August 1988) and to hold public scoping meetings for the purpose of soliciting comments. Although NUREG-0586 covered all NRC-licensed facilities, this supplement will address only the decommissioning of nuclear power reactors.

The NRC plans to hold public scoping meetings in four regions of the U.S. on the following days to present an overview of the proposed supplement to the GEIS and to accept public comment on its proposal: Midwest (Chicago, Illinois, area) April 27, 2000, Northeast (Boston, Massachusetts, area) May 17, 2000, Southeast (Atlanta, Georgia, area) June 13, 2000, and West (San Francisco, California, area) June 21, 2000. The public scoping meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and continue to 10:00 p.m. The locations of these meetings and any changes to the dates, which are not expected to be more than one day different from the dates set forth in this notice, will be announced in the **Federal Register** and in local media nearer the actual dates of the meetings.

All meetings will be transcribed and will include (1) a presentation by the NRC staff on the reasons for preparing a supplement to the GEIS and the environmental issues related to power reactor decommissioning to be addressed in the GEIS, and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, private organizations, and individuals to provide comments. Anyone wishing to attend or present oral comments at the meetings may pre-register by contacting Mr. Dino C. Scaletti by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 1104, or by Internet to

the NRC at DGEIS@nrc.gov, 1 week prior to a specific meeting. Members of the public may also register to provide oral comments up to 15 minutes prior to the start of each meeting. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. If special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, the need should be brought to Mr. Scaletti's attention no later than 1 week prior to a specific meeting, so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Any interested party may submit comments related to the NRC's intent to supplement the GEIS for consideration by the NRC staff. To be certain of consideration, comments on the intent to prepare the supplement must be received by July 15, 2000. Comments received after the due date will be considered if it is practical to do so. At this time, comments are being sought only on the intent to prepare the supplement. The NRC staff currently projects issuance of the draft supplement for comment in early 2001. Comments on the draft supplement will be solicited at that time. Written comments should be sent to

Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop T-6 D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to the NRC at 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Submittal of electronic comments may be sent by the Internet to the NRC at DGEIS@nrc.gov. All comments received by the Commission, including those made by Federal, State, and local agencies, Indian tribes, or other interested persons, will be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, in Washington, DC. Also, publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Public Electronic Reading Room).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dino C. Scaletti, Decommissioning Section, Project Directorate IV & Decommissioning, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Mr. Scaletti can be contacted at the aforementioned telephone number.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of March, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dino C. Scaletti,

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

[FR Doc. 00-6198 Filed 3-13-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Experts' Meeting on High-Burnup Fuel Behavior Under Postulated Accident Conditions

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will hold a meeting to further develop a Phenomena Identification and Ranking Table (PIRT) for a BWR accident. PIRTs have been used at NRC since 1988, and they provide a structured way to obtain a technical understanding that is needed to address certain issues. About twenty of the world's best technical experts are participating in this activity, and the experts represent a balance between industry, universities, foreign researchers, and regulatory organizations. The current PIRT activity is addressing a postulated BWR accident wherein power oscillations occur, the reactor fails to scram, and the oscillations then reach sufficient magnitude that fuel failure may occur before the emergency operating procedures are able to terminate the oscillations and shut the reactor down.

DATES: April 4-7, 2000, 8:30 am-5:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: Room T10A1 (TWFN) of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ralph Meyer, SMSAB, Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-6789.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting agenda will be posted on the NRC Web site at www.nrc.gov/RES/meetings.html by March 20, 2000. The meeting is open to the public. Attendees will need to obtain a visitor badge at the TWFN building lobby.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of March 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Charles E. Rossi,

Director, Division of Systems Analysis and Regulatory Effectiveness, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

[FR Doc. 00-6197 Filed 3-13-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

(NUREG-1555 and NUREG-1555, Supplement 1)

Updated Environmental Standard Review Plan: Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has prepared an update to the Environmental Standard Review Plan for the review of environmental reports for nuclear power plants (ESRP). The draft version of this update of the ESRP was published in 1997. The updated ESRP is contained in two documents, NUREG-1555, "Environmental Standard Review Plan—Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants" and its companion document for operating license renewal environmental reviews, NUREG-1555, Supplement 1, "Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants—Supplement 1: Operating License Renewal." These documents replace the ESRP (NUREG-0555) originally issued in 1978.

ADDRESSES: The updated ESRP in printed paper, 3.5-inch disks and compact disks (CD) versions are available for inspection and copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001, and can be found electronically at <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NUREGS/indexnum.html> on the NRC Web site. Additionally, publically available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Luehman, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Mail Stop O-11F1, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone (301) 415-3150, or email JGL@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a Notice of Availability published in the **Federal Register** on October 3, 1997 (62 FR 51915), the NRC made available

NUREG-1555, "Environmental Standard Review Plan—Standard Review Plan for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants (Draft Report for Comment)." As stated in that Notice of Availability, the comment period for the draft report expired January 30, 1998. The NRC received seven letters providing comments on the draft report. Three letters were received from nuclear industry groups, two letters were received from nuclear power reactor licensees, one letter was submitted by a law firm, another by a federal agency, and one by an individual. All of the comments received were considered and dispositioned. One comment received concluded that the requirements for operating license renewal review requirements were difficult to extract from the draft document which contained review requirements for new applications as well as review requirements for operating license renewals. In response to that comment, the final ESRP was divided and now consists of NUREG-1555 and NUREG-1555, Supplement 1, which is specifically devoted to operating license renewal issues.

In addition to updating the draft ESRP to reflect the comments received, the NRC has done some additional updating to reflect recent rulemaking affecting the environmental reviews required for operating license renewal. On September 3, 1999 (64 FR 48495), the NRC published a final rule expanding the generic findings about the environmental impacts due to transportation of spent fuel and nuclear waste to and from a single nuclear power plant. That amendment to Part 51 changed the transportation of spent fuel and nuclear waste from a Category 2 issue (an issue for which the licensee would have to perform a plant-specific analysis of the impacts) to a Category 1 issue (an issue for which the licensee could adopt a generic analysis performed by the NRC staff). The appropriate ESRP sections have been changed to reflect the rule change.

The updated ESRP is not a generic communication that proposes new NRC staff positions or seeks additional licensee commitments. It does not impose new or revised requirements but simply compiles and documents NRC and other Federal requirements, and NRC staff positions. The ESRP does not explicitly incorporate State, regional or Native American tribal agency requirements that may also need to be addressed by applicants or licensees.

Work activities related to updating the ESRP were performed substantially in conformance with the guidance in NUREG-1447, "Standard Review Plan