

Requirements for ETA 9068-1 (competitive)	1st year	2nd year	3rd year	4th year
Number of minutes for recording/reporting per quarter per report	40	80	120	80
Total number of hours required for recording/reporting per entity per year	2	5	8	5
Number of entities reporting	200	200	200	200
Total number of hours required for recording/reporting per year	200	1,067	1,600	1,067

Note: Competitive Grants to be awarded in years 1 and 2. Estimate 200 grants will be awarded to eligible applicants. All grant funds will be tracked in the same automated format. In year 1, competitive grants will not be let until the 2nd quarter.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):
\$0

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$0

Description: This request for approval of the WtW Formula and Competitive Cumulative Quarterly Status report formats is necessary so that the Department may collect statutorily required data from the States and other grant recipients on a quarterly basis. The information will provide a means for the Secretary of Labor to manage and evaluate the WtW program as well as to develop a formula for measuring State performance to be utilized in determining and awarding bonuses to States. These performance bonuses are authorized under the Act in Section 403(a)(5)(E).

Karin G. Kurz,

Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of a Change in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) Period for Alaska

This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB Program for Alaska.

Summary

The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- May 27, 2000 Alaska's 13-week insured unemployment rate for the week ending May 6, 2000 fell below 6.0 percent and was less than 120 percent of the average for the corresponding period for the prior two years, causing Alaska to trigger "off" EB effective May 27, 2000.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable,

are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended and the operating instructions issued to the States by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a State ending an EB period, the State employment security agency will furnish a written notice to each individual who is currently filing a claim for EB of the forthcoming end of the EB period and its effect on the individual's rights to EB (20 CFR 615.13(c)(4)).

Signed at Washington, DC., on July 12, 2000.

Raymond Bramucci,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Meeting

Time and Date: 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2000.

Place: NTSB Board Room, 429 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20594.

Status: Open to the Public.

Matters to be Considered:

7047B Aviation Accident Report: Crash During Landing, Federal Express, Inc., Flight 14, McDonnell Douglas MD-11, N611FE, Newark International Airport, Newark, New Jersey, July 31, 1997.

News Media Contact: Telephone: (202) 314-6100 Individuals requesting specific accommodation should contact Mrs. Barbara Bush at (202) 314-6220 by Friday, July 21, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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July 14, 2000.

Rhonda Underwood,

Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-336]

In the Matter of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al. (Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2); Exemption

I

Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al., is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-65 which authorizes operation of Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2. Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 2 is a pressurized water reactor located in Waterford, Connecticut. The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) now or hereafter in effect.

II

Appendix R, "Fire Protection Program for Nuclear Power Facilities Operating Prior to January 1, 1979," to title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) part 50, establishes fire protection features required to satisfy General Design Criterion 3, "Fire protection," of Appendix A to 10 CFR part 50, with respect to certain generic issues for nuclear power plants licensed to operate prior to January 1, 1979. By letter dated February 14, 2000, as supplemented by letters dated April 5 and May 31, 2000, Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, (NNECO), the licensee for Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 2, requested an exemption from the technical requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix R, section III.J to the extent that it requires emergency lighting units with at least an 8-hour battery power supply to light all areas needed for operation of safe shutdown equipment and in access and egress routes thereto. NNECO proposed to credit the security lighting system currently installed at the plant for access and egress route emergency lighting in lieu of providing separate emergency lighting units with an 8-hour battery supply in the Unit 3 yard area.

III

As a result of the decommissioning of Unit 1, the existing tie to Unit 1 Vital

Electrical Bus 14H will be disconnected. The licensee will credit a new 4160-volt electrical tie to the Unit 3 Alternate AC diesel generator as the alternate AC power source for Unit 2 to comply with Appendix R. Access to the Unit 3 Alternate AC diesel generator and associated switchgear enclosures so that Unit 3 operators could start the diesel generator and make the necessary electrical ties to the Unit 2 bus requires travel through the Unit 3 yard area.

The outdoor access and egress route to the Unit 3 Alternate AC diesel generator and switchgear enclosures extends from the west entrance of Millstone Unit 3 Building 323 (grade elevation), north through a paved area to a service road, following the road generally to the east and then south to the enclosures.

The licensee proposes to credit the security lighting system for access and egress route emergency lighting in lieu of an 8-hour battery supply in the yard area. The basis for this is as follows:

1. The security lighting system illuminates the required access and egress routes;
2. The security lighting power supply is backed by a security diesel generator with fuel storage capacity to ensure operation greater than or equal to 8 hours;
3. The security generator, components, and circuits are independent from the postulated fire areas which require access to the 4160-volt Bus 14H enclosure, Intake Structure, or RWST pipe chase.

These actions will ensure that the appendix R, section III.J requirement to the extent that emergency lighting units with at least an 8-hour supply are met.

There are also portable lighting units dedicated for operations department use that would provide additional defense-in-depth for ensuring adequate lighting is available. The equipment is administratively controlled and located inside the Millstone Unit 3 Control Room Complex.

IV

The underlying purpose of section III.J of appendix R is to ensure that fixed lighting of sufficient duration and reliability is provided to allow operation of equipment required for post-fire, safe shutdown of the reactor. Lighting for access/egress associated with the equipment is also required.

Large area applications will typically impose electrical load requirements which are beyond the normal limits of battery units. The security lighting system illuminates the required access and egress routes. The power supply is backed by a security diesel generator

with fuel storage capacity to ensure operation with at least an 8-hour supply. The security generator, components and circuits are independent from the postulated fire areas which require access to the Unit 3 Alternate AC diesel generator and consistent with the defense-in-depth approach to fire protection.

Based on the availability and reliability of the security lighting of sufficient duration and the availability of portable lighting, there is reasonable assurance that the access/egress routes through the yard area that are relied on for safe shutdown of the facility can be accessed in the event of a fire.

On the basis of its evaluation, the NRC staff has concluded that the application of the regulation, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), in this special circumstance is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

V

The Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), an exemption to allow use of security lighting is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. Further, special circumstances are present, as set forth in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii). Therefore, the Commission hereby grants an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR, part 50, appendix R, section III.J.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (65 FR 41738).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

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

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John A. Zwolinski,

Director Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-271]

In the Matter of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station); Order Approving Transfer of License and Conforming Amendment

I.

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation (VYNPC or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-28, which authorizes the operation of Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (Vermont Yankee or the facility) at steady-state power levels not in excess of 1593 megawatts thermal. The facility is located at the licensee's site in the Town of Vernon, Windham County, Vermont. The license authorizes VYNPC to possess, use, and operate the facility.

II.

Under cover of a letter dated January 6, 2000, AmerGen Vermont, Limited Liability Company (LLC), (AmerGen Vermont) and VYNPC, jointly submitted an application requesting approval of the transfer of Facility Operating License No. DRP-28 for Vermont Yankee from VYNPC to AmerGen Vermont. The licensee and AmerGen Vermont also jointly requested approval of a conforming amendment to reflect the transfer. The application was supplemented by submittals dated January 13, February 18, March 13, March 30, and April 6, 2000, collectively referred to as the "application" herein unless otherwise indicated.

AmerGen Vermont is a Vermont limited liability company established by AmerGen Energy Company, LLC (AmerGen), to own and operate Vermont Yankee. AmerGen Vermont is a wholly owned subsidiary of AmerGen. AmerGen is a Delaware limited liability company formed to acquire and operate nuclear power plants in the United States. PECO Energy Company (PECO) and British Energy, Inc., (BE, Inc.), each own a 50-percent interest in AmerGen. BE, Inc., is a wholly owned subsidiary of British Energy, plc. The conforming license amendment would remove references to VYNPC from the license and add references to AmerGen Vermont in respective places, and make other administrative changes of a similar nature to reflect the proposed transfer.

Approval of the transfer of the facility operating license and a conforming license amendment was requested by