

Safety Evaluation dated September 1, 2000.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, City of Dalton, Georgia, Docket Nos. 50-321 and 50-366, Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Appling County, Georgia

Date of application for amendments: June 1, 2000.

Brief description of amendments: The amendments revise the reactor vessel pressure and temperature limit curves that are in the Technical Specifications.

Date of issuance: August 29, 2000.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

Amendment Nos.: 222 and 163.

Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-57 and NPF-5: Amendments revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: June 28, 2000 (65 FR 39960).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated August 29, 2000.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Tennessee Valley Authority, Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328, Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Hamilton County, Tennessee

Date of application for amendments: June 22, 2000.

Brief description of amendments: These amendments revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to remove the applicability of core alteration requirements from those TS that are designed to mitigate the consequences of a fuel handling accident. The applicable TS bases are also revised.

Date of issuance: August 28, 2000.

Effective date: August 28, 2000.

Amendment Nos.: 260 and 251.

Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-77 and DPR-79: Amendments revise the TS.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: July 26, 2000 (65 FR 46017).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated August 28, 2000.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Tennessee Valley Authority, Docket No. 50-390, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1, Rhea County, Tennessee.

Date of application for amendment: April 10, 2000, as supplemented August 9, 2000.

Brief description of amendment: Revision of Technical Specifications (TS) to allow use of the F-star (F*) alternate repair criterion for degraded steam generator tubes.

Date of issuance: September 8, 2000.

Effective date: September 8, 2000.

Amendment No.: 27.

Facility Operating License No. NPF-90: Amendment revises the TS.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: May 31, 2000 (65 FR 34750).

The August 9, 2000, letter provided clarifying information that did not change the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated September 8, 2000.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

TXU Electric, Docket Nos. 50-445 and 50-446, Comanche Peak Steam Electric Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Somervell County, Texas.

Date of amendment request: May 25, 2000.

Brief description of amendments: The amendments revise the Technical Specifications (TS) to allow certain reactor containment building penetrations to be open during refueling activities under appropriate administrative controls. Specifically, this revision fully adopts the NRC-approved TS Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-312, Revision 1, by adding a Note to TS 3.9.4.c denoting this provision, to clarify the use of this allowance.

Date of issuance: September 5, 2000.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days from the date of issuance.

Amendment Nos.: 78 and 78.

Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-87 and NPF-89: The amendments revised the TSs.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: July 12, 2000 (65 FR 43053).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated September 5, 2000.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corporation, Docket No. 50-271, Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station, Vernon, Vermont.

Date of application for amendment: December 14, 1999.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment relocates procedural details related to the Radiological Environmental Technical Specifications (TSs) to certain licensee-controlled documents.

Date of Issuance: August 24, 2000.

Effective date: As of the date of issuance, and shall be implemented within 60 days.

Amendment No.: 193.

Facility Operating License No. DPR-28: Amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: February 9, 2000 (65 FR 6412).

The Commission's related evaluation of this amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated August 24, 2000.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

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

Staff Meetings Open to the Public: Final Policy Statement

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final Policy Statement.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is finalizing revisions to its "Policy Statement on Staff Meetings Open to the Public," to state that public notice of meetings will be provided primarily through the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov>. NRC will also discontinue announcing public meetings, changes, and cancellations through its public meeting notice system electronic bulletin board, and telephone recording, and through the Weekly Compilation of Press Releases and posting in the NRC's Public Document Room.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 20, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosetta O. Virgilio, Office of the Executive Director for Operations, U.S.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The NRC solicited public comment on the proposed revisions to the Policy Statement in the January 25, 2000 **Federal Register** (65 FR 3982). All four comment letters received supported the revisions; three of the four recommended improvements to the NRC Web site for noticing public meetings. The NRC's Office of the Chief Information Officer is planning to develop a Web-based public meeting system to replace the existing system used to schedule and track meeting notices and cancellations. The proposed new system will allow the staff to implement all of the commenters suggestions. Copies of the comment letters can be viewed at the NRC Public Document Room located at 2120 L Street, NW. (Lower Level), Washington, DC.

The text of the revised Policy Statement follows in its entirety. The final Policy Statement contains a revised Section D, identifying the NRC Web site as the primary mechanism for announcing staff meetings open to the public. The electronic bulletin board and automated telephone recording will be eliminated. Members of the public who do not have access to the Internet can contact the NRC's Public Document Room staff at 800-397-4209 for information on scheduled meetings. Other changes to Section D of the Policy Statement make it consistent with current NRC staff guidance and procedures, as discussed in the proposed Policy Statement notice. These changes include: revising the statement that a meeting notice should be provided to the Meeting Announcement Coordinator at least 10 days before a meeting to state that meeting notices will be provided to the public as soon as meeting arrangements have been made, generally no fewer than 10 calendar days before the meeting; and eliminating the current 60 day limit on the announced schedule of future meetings.

IV. Commission Policy Statement on Staff Meetings Open to the Public

A. Purpose

This statement presents the policy that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff will follow in opening meetings between the NRC staff and one or more outside persons to public observation. The policy continues NRC's longstanding practice of providing the public with the fullest

information practicable on its activities and of conducting business in an open manner, while balancing the need for the NRC staff to exercise its regulatory and safety responsibilities without undue administrative burden. This policy also announces central agency services available to the public for obtaining schedules for the staff meetings that are open to public attendance. Implementing guidance will be issued to the NRC staff as a management directive. This meeting policy is a matter of NRC discretion and may be departed from as NRC convenience and necessity may dictate.

B. Definition

A public meeting is a planned, formal encounter open to public observation between one or more NRC staff members and one or more outside persons physically present at a single meeting site, with the expressed intent of discussing substantive issues that are directly associated with the NRC's regulatory and safety responsibilities. An outside person is any individual who is not:

- a. An NRC employee;
- b. Under contract to the NRC;
- c. Acting in an official capacity as a consultant to the NRC;
- d. Acting in an official capacity as a representative of an agency of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the U.S. Government (except when the agency is subject to NRC regulatory oversight);
- e. Acting in an official capacity as a representative of a foreign government;
- f. Acting in an official capacity as a representative of a State or local government (except when specific NRC licensing or regulatory matters are discussed).

C. Applicability and Exemptions

1. This policy applies solely to NRC staff-sponsored and conducted meetings and not to meetings conducted by outside entities that NRC staff members might attend and participate in. It does not apply to the Commission or offices that report directly to the Commission. Similarly, it does not apply to meetings between the NRC staff and representatives of State governments, including Agreement State representatives, relating to NRC Agreement State activities or to State regulatory actions or to other matters of general interest to the State or to the Commission, that is, matters other than specific NRC licensing or regulatory actions involving specific licensees. Also, the policy is not intended to apply to or supersede any existing law, rule or regulation that addresses public

attendance at a specific type of meeting. For example, 10 CFR Part 7 specifically addresses public attendance at advisory committee meetings; and 10 CFR Part 9, Subpart C, addresses public attendance at Commission meetings. The policy also does not negate existing Memoranda of Understanding, procedural agreements, or other formal agreements or requirements regarding the accessibility of the public to observe or participate in meetings between NRC and its licensees or any other entities. In addition, the policy does not apply to meetings involving enforcement matters under 10 CFR Part 2, Appendix C nor to settlement conferences.

2. In general, meetings between the NRC staff and outside persons will be classified as public meetings unless the NRC staff determines that the subject matter to be discussed—

- a. Is specifically authorized by an Executive Order to be kept secret in the interests of national defense or foreign policy (classified information) or specifically exempted from public disclosure by statute;
- b. Contains trade secrets and commercial or financial information (proprietary information);
- c. Contains safeguards information;
- d. Is of a personal nature where such disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- e. Is related to a planned, ongoing, or completed investigation and/or contains information compiled for law enforcement purposes;
- f. Could result in the inappropriate disclosure and dissemination of preliminary, unverified information;
- g. Is a general information exchange having no direct, substantive connection to a specific NRC regulatory decision or action;
- h. Indicates that the administrative burden associated with public attendance at the meeting could result in interfering with the NRC staff's execution of its safety and regulatory responsibilities, such as when the meeting is an integral part of the execution of the NRC inspection program.

It is important to note that whether or not a meeting should be open for public attendance is dependent primarily on the subject matter to be discussed, not who outside nor who within the NRC staff is participating (e.g., staff level versus senior management).

Also note that meetings between staff and licensees or trade groups to discuss technical issues or licensee performance would normally be open because they may lead to a specific regulatory decision or action. However, should a

meeting involving a general information exchange be closed and should discussions during such a meeting approach issues that might lead to a specific regulatory decision or action, the NRC staff may advise the meeting attendees that such matters cannot be discussed in a closed meeting and propose discussing the issues in a future open meeting.

D. Notice to the Public

1. Meeting announcement information is to be provided to the public as soon as the staff is certain that a meeting will be held and firm date, time, and facility arrangements have been made, but generally no fewer than 10 calendar days before the meeting. Where a meeting must be scheduled but cannot be announced 10 calendar days in advance, the staff will provide as much advance notice as possible. Public notice of meetings will be made via the Internet from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov>. Meeting changes or cancellations will also be announced promptly on the NRC Web site. Meeting notices, changes to meetings, and cancellations will be updated each working day, if required, on the NRC Web site. Members of the public who cannot access the NRC Web site can contact the NRC Public Document Room staff via a toll free number for information on scheduled NRC meetings.

2. Meeting announcements will include the date, time, and location of the meeting, as well as its purpose, the NRC office(s) and outside participant(s) in attendance, and the name and telephone number of the NRC contact for the meeting.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of September, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Annette Vietti-Cook,

Secretary to the Commission.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Budget Analysis Branch; Sequestration Update Report

AGENCY: Office of Management and Budget—Budget Analysis Branch.

ACTION: Notice of transmittal of sequestration update report to the President and Congress.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 254(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Control Act of 1985, as amended, the Office of Management and Budget

hereby reports that it has submitted its Sequestration Update Report to the President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Lee, Budget Analysis Branch—202/395-3674.

Dated: September 13, 2000.

Robert L. Nabors, II,

Executive Assistant and Assistant Director for Administration.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Shivery, Director, Washington Service Center, Employment Service (202) 606-1015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on August 4, 2000 (65 FR 48019). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between July 1, 2000, and July 31, 2000, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

The following Schedule A authority was established for July 2000:

Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency of the District of Columbia: All positions, except for the Director, established to create the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency of the District of Columbia. No new appointments may be made under this authority after September 30, 2001.

No Schedule A authorities were revoked July 2000.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during July 2000.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during July 2000:

Commission on Civil Rights

Special Assistant to the Commissioner. Effective July 28, 2000.

Department of Agriculture

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective July 6, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary, Rural Development. Effective July 12, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Effective July 24, 2000.

Department of Commerce

Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Technology. Effective July 24, 2000.

Senior Advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology and Aerospace Industries. Effective July 24, 2000.

Senior Advisor to the Senior Advisor to the Secretary, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Effective July 25, 2000.

Department of Defense

Special Assistant for Cleanup Policy to the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Cleanup. Effective July 12, 2000.

Personal and Confidential Assistant to the General Counsel. Effective July 27, 2000.

Department of Education

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective July 12, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Director, Office of Educational Technology. Effective July 21, 2000.

Confidential Assistant to the Director of Scheduling and Briefing Staff. Effective July 24, 2000.

Department of Energy

Director of Special Projects to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning, Policy and Budget. Effective July 24, 2000.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Special Counsel to the General Counsel. Effective July 31, 2000.

Department of Labor

Secretary's Representative to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective July 7, 2000.

Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training. Effective July 12, 2000.