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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Extension.

2. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR part 110—Rules and Regulations for the Export and Import of Nuclear Equipment and Material.

3. The form number, if applicable: 3150-0036.

4. How often the collection is required: On occasion.

5. Who is required or asked to report: Any person in the U.S. who wishes to export or import nuclear material and equipment subject to the requirements of 10 CFR 110 or to export incidental radioactive material that is a contaminant of shipments of more than 100 kilograms of non-waste material using existing NRC general licenses.

6. An estimate of the number of responses: 100.

7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 125.

8. An estimate of the total hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: reporting, 130 hours (1.3 hours per response); recordkeeping, 150 hours (1.2 hours per respondent). The total burden is 280 hours.

9. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies: Not applicable.

10. Abstract: 10 CFR 110 provides application, reporting, and recordkeeping requirements for exports and imports of nuclear material and equipment subject to the requirements of a specific license or a general license and exports of incidental radioactive material. The information collected and

maintained pursuant to 10 CFR 110 enables the NRC to authorize only imports and exports which are not inimical to U.S. common defense and security and which meet applicable statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements.

A copy of the supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by April 21, 2000.

Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0036), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503. Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of March, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Applications for Licenses to Export Nuclear Material

Pursuant to 10 CFR 110.70 (b)(3) "Public notice of receipt of an application", please take notice that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received the following application for an export license. Copies of the application are available electronically through ADAMS and can be accessed through the Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link <<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>> at the NRC Homepage.

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene may be filed within 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Any request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene shall be served by the requestor or petitioner upon the applicant, the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555; the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; and the Executive Secretary,

U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

In its review of the applications for licenses to export deuterium oxide (heavy water) as defined in 10 CFR part 110 and noticed herein, the Commission does not evaluate the health, safety or environmental effects in the recipient nation of the material to be exported. The information concerning the application follows.

NRC EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION

Name of applicant date of application date received application No.	Description of material to be exported	Country of destination
Poco Graphite, Inc., 12/03/99; 01/18/00; XMAT0400.	Nuclear grade graphite, 680,385 kilograms for commercial, non-nuclear end use.	Various.

Dated this 16th day of March 2000 at Rockville, Maryland.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Ronald D. Hauber,

Deputy Director, Office of International Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-260, 50-296]

Tennessee Valley Authority; (Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Units 2 and 3; Exemption

I

The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA or the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-52 for operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Unit 2 (BFN-2) and DPR-68 for Unit 3 (BFN-3). The licenses provide, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission or NRC) now or hereafter in effect.

BFN-2 and BFN-3 are boiling-water reactors located in Limestone County, Alabama.

II

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 50.54(o), requires that primary reactor containments for water-cooled power reactors be subject to the requirements of Appendix J to 10 CFR Part 50.

Appendix J specifies the leakage test requirements, schedules, and acceptance criteria for tests of the leak tight integrity of the primary reactor containment and systems and components which penetrate the containment. Option B, Section III.A requires that the overall integrated leak rate must not exceed the allowable leakage (La) with margin, as specified in the Technical Specifications (TS). The overall integrated leak rate, as specified in the 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J definitions, includes the contribution from main steam isolation valve (MSIV) leakage. By letter dated September 28, 1999, as supplemented by letter dated February 4, 2000, the licensee has requested exemption from Option B, Section III.A, requirements to permit exclusion of MSIV leakage from the overall integrated leak rate test measurement.

Option B, Section III.B of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J requires that the sum of the leakage rates of all Type B and Type C local leak rate tests be less than the performance criterion (La) with margin, as specified in the TS. The licensee also requests exemption from this requirement, to permit exclusion of the MSIV contribution to the sum of the Type B and Type C tests.

The MSIV leakage effluent has a different pathway to the environment. It is not directed into the secondary containment and filtered through the standby gas treatment system as is other containment leakage. Instead, the MSIV leakage is directed through the main steam drain piping into the condenser and is released to the environment as an unfiltered ground level effluent. The licensee analyzed the MSIV leakage pathway for the increased leakage (from 46 scfh to 168 scfh), and the containment leakage pathway separately in a dose consequences analysis. The calculated radiological consequences of the combined leakages were found to be within the criteria of 10 CFR part 100 and GDC-19. The staff reviewed the licensee's analyses and found them acceptable as described in a safety analysis accompanying amendments to be issued concurrently with this exemption. By separating the MSIV leakage acceptance criteria from the overall integrated leak rate test criteria, and from the Type B and C leakage sum limitation, the BFN-2 and BFN-3 containment leakage testing program will be made more consistent with the limiting assumptions used in the associated accident consequences analyses. The amendments associated with this exemption will revise Technical Specification Surveillance Requirement 3.6.1.3.10 to limit the

maximum allowable combined MSIV leakage to 150 scfm, which is less than the analytical limit of 168 scfm. Therefore, the staff finds the proposed exemptions from Appendix J to separate MSIV leakage from other containment leakage to be acceptable.

III

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50 when (1) The exemptions are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health and safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security, and (2) When special circumstances are present. Special circumstances are present whenever, according to 10 CFR part 50.12(a)(2)(ii), "Application of the regulation in the particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule * * *"

The licensee's exemption request was submitted in conjunction with a TS amendment application to increase the allowable leak rate for MSIVs. (The proposed amendment will be issued concurrently with this exemption.) The exemption and amendments together would implement the recommendations of Topical Report NEDC-31858, "BWR Report for Increasing MSIV Leakage Rate Limits and Elimination of Leakage Control Systems." The topical report was evaluated by the staff and accepted in a safety evaluation dated March 3, 1999. The special circumstances associated with MSIV leakage testing are fully described in the topical report. These circumstances relate to the monetary costs and personnel radiation exposure involved with maintaining MSIV leakage limits more restrictive than necessary to meet offsite dose criteria and control room habitability criteria.

The underlying purpose of the rule which implements Appendix J (*i.e.*, 10 CFR 50.54(o)) is to assure that containment leak tight integrity is maintained (a) As tight as reasonably achievable and (b) Sufficiently tight so as to limit effluent release to values bounded by the analyses of radiological consequences of design basis accidents. The staff has determined that the intent of the rule is not compromised by the proposed action.

IV

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR part 50.12, an exemption is authorized by law and will not present an undue

risk to the public health and safety, and that there are special circumstances present, as specified in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2). An exemption is hereby granted from the requirements of Sections III.A and III.B of Option B of Appendix J to 10 CFR part 50. The exemption allows exclusion of MSIV leakage from the overall integrated leak rate test measurement and from the sum of Type B and C test measurements used to determine compliance with TS surveillance requirements for containment integrity.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment (65 FR 10844).

This exemption is effective upon issuance and will be implemented prior to startup of Cycle 12 for Browns Ferry Unit 2 and prior to startup of Cycle 10 for Browns Ferry Unit 3.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 14th day of March 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

Public Meeting on 10 CFR Part 70; Standard Review Plan

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: NRC will host a public meeting in Rockville, Maryland. The meeting will provide an opportunity for discussion of stakeholder comments on the revised Standard Review Plan (SRP) chapters that were made available during March and April 2000. The revised chapters can be reviewed on the internet at the following website: http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/library/?=*&library=

PURPOSE: This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss any comments on the staff's recently revised SRP chapters.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday through Wednesday, April 18 and 19, 2000, from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. The meeting is open to the public.

ADDRESSES: NRC's Auditorium at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Visitor parking around the NRC building is