

Commission, the Rancho Seco ISFSI license, SNM-2510, would be amended to allow this action.

The Commission may issue either a notice of hearing or a notice of proposed action and opportunity for hearing in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(1) regarding the proposed amendment or, if a determination is made that the proposed amendment does not present a genuine issue as to whether public health and safety will be significantly affected, take immediate action on the proposed amendment in accordance with 10 CFR 72.46(b)(2) and provide notice of the action taken and an opportunity for interested persons to request a hearing on whether the action should be rescinded or modified.

For further details with respect to this amendment, see the application dated July 29, 2004, which is publicly available in the records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The NRC maintains ADAMS, which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. These documents may be accessed through the NRC's Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdrc@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 15th day of October 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499]

STP Nuclear Operating Company, et al. South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of STP Nuclear Operating Company (the licensee) to withdraw its September 22, 2003 (ML032691397), application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-76 and Facility Operating License No. NPF-80

for the South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2, respectively. The facility is located in Matagorda County, Texas.

The proposed amendment would have revised the Technical Specifications (TSs) to change the TS 3.3.2 requirements for Loss of Power Instrumentation (Functional Unit 8).

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on November 12, 2003 (68 FR 64139). However, by letter dated September 30, 2004 (ML042800236), the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated September 22, 2003, and the licensee's letter dated September 30, 2004, which withdrew the application for license amendment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, or 301-415-4737 or by email to pdrc@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of October 2004. For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Nuclear Power Plants That Employ Boiling-Water Reactor (BWR) Mark I and II Designs Receipt of Request for Action Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by petition dated August 10, 2004, the Nuclear Security Coalition (Coalition), consisting of 39 separate organizations, has requested that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) take action to: (1) Issue a demand for information to the licensees for all Mark

I and II BWRs and conduct a 6-month study of options for addressing structural vulnerabilities; (2) present the findings of the study at a national conference attended by all interested stakeholders, providing for transcribed comments and questions; (3) develop a comprehensive plan that accounts for stakeholder concerns and addresses structural vulnerabilities of all Mark I and II BWRs within a 12-month period; (4) issue orders to the licensees for all Mark I and II BWRs compelling incorporation of a comprehensive set of protective measures, including structural protections; and (5) make future operation of each Mark I and II BWR contingent on addressing its structural vulnerability with participation and oversight by a panel of local stakeholders.

As the basis for this request, the Coalition states that nuclear power plants are critical national infrastructures and are prime targets of attacks, that the NRC "requires only a light defense of nuclear power plants," and that BWRs of the Mark I and II designs are particularly vulnerable.

The petition is being treated pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 of the Commission's regulations. The petition has been referred to the Director of the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation. As provided by section 2.206, appropriate action will be taken on this petition within a reasonable time. Members of the Coalition met with the Petition Review Board (PRB) on September 23, 2004, to discuss the petition; the summary of the meeting, with the transcript attached, was published on October 13, 2004. The results of that discussion have been considered in the PRB's determination regarding the Coalition's request for action and in establishing the schedule for reviewing the petition. A copy of the petition, and the meeting summary dated October 13, 2004, are available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdrc@nrc.gov.