

Dated: Rockville, Maryland, June 7, 2000.

G. Paul Bollwerk, III,

Administrative Judge.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Use of Screening Values to Demonstrate Compliance With the Final Rule on Radiological Criteria for License Termination

Purpose: This notice provides supplemental information to clarify the criteria for using screening values to demonstrate compliance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Final Rule on Radiological Criteria for License Termination (License Termination Rule (LTR)) which was issued on July 21, 1997, (62 FR 39058).

Background: Acceptable license termination screening values of common radionuclides for building surface contamination were published in the **Federal Register** on November 18, 1998 (63 FR 64132). Screening values of common radionuclides for surface soil contamination were published in the **Federal Register** on December 7, 1999 (64 FR 68395). As discussed in these notices, NRC's DandD computer code provides a method for calculating screening values for radionuclides in soil, and screening values for contamination on building surfaces. NRC used the DandD methodology to derive the building surface contamination screening values in Table 1 of the November 18, 1998, notice and the surface soil contamination screening values in Table 3 of the December 7, 1999, notice. These screening values correspond to levels of radionuclide contamination that would be deemed in compliance with the unrestricted use dose limit in 10 CFR 20.1402 (*i.e.*, 0.25 milliSievert/year, (25 millirem/year)). The values correspond to screening "derived concentration guidelines" (DCGLs) for each specific radionuclide based on the methodology described in NRC's draft Regulatory Guide "Demonstrating Compliance with the Radiological Criteria for License Termination" (DG-4006). After these screening values were published, several questions arose concerning conditions or criteria under which the screening values would apply. Criteria for determining the applicability of these screening values is provided in the following section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sites with surface soil contamination levels below those listed in Table 3 of the December

7, 1999, notice will be deemed acceptable for release for unrestricted use provided that:

1. Residual radioactivity has been reduced to levels that are "as low as is reasonably achievable" (ALARA);
2. The residual radioactivity is contained in the top layer of the surface soil (*i.e.*, a thickness of approximately 15 centimeters);

3. The unsaturated zone and the groundwater are initially free of radiological contamination; and

4. The vertical saturated hydraulic conductivity at the specific site is greater than the infiltration rate. (Refer to NUREG/CR-5512, Vol. 1, "Residual Radioactive Contamination from Decommissioning, Technical Basis for Translating Contamination Levels to Annual Total Effective Dose Equivalent, Final Report, October 1992" for additional information.) Buildings with surface contamination levels below those listed in Table 1 of the November 18, 1998, notice will be deemed acceptable for release for unrestricted use provided that:

1. Residual radioactivity has been reduced to levels that are ALARA;

2. The residual radioactivity is contained in the top layer of the building surface (*i.e.*, there is no volumetric contamination);

3. The fraction of removable surface contamination does not exceed 0.1. (For cases when the fraction of removable contamination is undetermined or higher than 0.1, users may assume, for screening purposes, that 100 percent of the surface contamination is removable, and therefore the screening values should be decreased by a factor of 10.)

For radionuclides not listed in the Tables 1 and 3, the latest version of the DandD code may be used, without modification of the default values, to derive screening values. However, because the current version of DandD (*i.e.*, version 1) is overly conservative, and DandD version 2 is under development, NUREG/CR-5512, Vol. 3, "Residual Radioactive Contamination From Decommissioning, Parameter Analysis, Draft Report for Comment, October 1999," may be used to determine acceptable screening values. Specifically, Table 5.19 (using a $P_{crit} = 0.90$) may be used for building surface contamination screening values and Table 6.91 (using a $P_{crit} = 0.10$) may be used for surface soil screening values.

For site-specific analyses, licensees may use models other than DandD to demonstrate compliance with the LTR provided they can demonstrate that the model and parameters used in that model are appropriate for the site.

For mixtures of radionuclides in soil or on building surfaces, the "sum of fractions" rule applies (see 10 CFR Part 20, Appendix B, Note 4).

The NRC staff intends to include Tables 1 and 3 and these criteria governing their use in the Standard Review Plan for decommissioning. Comments on this approach may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this notice to the Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

For further information: Contact Dr. Rateb (Boby) Abu-Eid, Environmental and Performance Assessment Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-5811; fax: (301) 415-5398; or email: bae@nrc.gov.

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

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Division of Waste Management, Office of
Nuclear Material, Safety and Safeguards.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards Spent Fuel Project Office; Notice of Issuance and Availability of NUREG/CR-6672 Reexamination of Spent Fuel Shipment Risk Estimates

The United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued the final report "Reexamination of Spent Fuel Shipment Risk Estimates," NUREG/CR-6672, SAND2000-0234.

The Reexamination evaluates the risks associated with anticipated truck and rail transport of spent fuel under both routine and accident conditions, and concludes that these risks are small. The report was prepared for the Spent Fuel Project Office (SFPO) by Sandia National Laboratories (SNL).

NUREG/CR-6672 is intended for use by risk analysts, scientists, and engineers. A peer review of NUREG/CR-6672 was conducted by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories, and is available for public review in NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System by searching Accession Number ML003720331.

NUREG/CR-6672 is available for inspection, and copying for a fee, at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L

Street NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001. Copies of NUREG/CR-6672 may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20402-9328, telephone no. 1-202-512-1800, or the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161, telephone no. 1-800-553-6847. Volume 1, Main Report, has been printed in hard copy. Due to color duplication costs, Volume 2, Appendices, is being distributed only on compact disk (CD). The CD also contains Volume 1. Both volumes are available at the NRC web site, <http://www.nrc.gov>. See the link under "Technical Reports in the NUREG Series" on the "Reference Library Page."

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of June, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Susan F. Shankman,

Deputy Director, Licensing and Inspection Directorate, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, D.C. 20549.

Extension:

Rule 19b-4 and Form 19b-4, SEC File No. 270-38, OMB Control No. 3235-0045.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of the previously approved collection of information discussed below.

Section 19(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") (15 U.S.C. 78s(b)) requires each self-regulatory organization ("SRO") to file with the Commission copies of any proposed rule, or any proposed change in, addition to, or deletion from the rules of such SRO. Rule 19b-4 (17 CFR 240.19b-4) implements the requirements of Section 19(b) by requiring the SROs to file their proposed rule changes on Form 19b-4 and by clarifying which actions taken by SROs are deemed proposed rule changes and so must be filed pursuant to Section 19(b).

The collection of information is designed to provide the Commission with the information necessary to determine, as required by the Act, whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act and the rules thereunder. The information is used to determine if the proposed rule change should be approved or if proceedings should be instituted to determine whether the proposed rule change should be disapproved.

The respondents to the collection of information are self-regulatory organizations (as defined by the Act), including national securities exchanges, national securities associations, registered clearing agencies and the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Twenty-four respondents file an average total of 500 responses per year, which corresponds to an estimated annual response burden of 17,500 hours. At an average cost per response of \$2,175, the resultant total related cost of compliance for these respondents is \$1,087,500 per year (500 responses × \$2,175/response=\$1,087,500).

Compliance with Rule 19b-4 is mandatory. Information received in response to Rule 19b-4 shall not be kept confidential; the information collected is public information.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

Written comments regarding the above information should be directed to the following persons: (a) Desk Officer for the Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10102, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503; and (b) Michael E. Bartell, Associate Executive Director, Office of Information Technology, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549. Comments must be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget within 30 days of this notice.

Dated: June 6, 2000.

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27181]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, As Amended ("Act")

June 6, 2000.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendment(s) is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by June 27, 2000, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in the case of an attorney at law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After June 27, 2000, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

Allegheny Energy, Inc., et al. (70-9677)

Allegheny Energy, Inc. ("Allegheny"), a registered holding company, its subsidiary service company, Allegheny Energy Service Corporation ("Service"), one of its electric utility subsidiary companies, The Potomac Edison Company, and a nonutility subsidiary company, Allegheny Ventures, Inc., all located at 10435 Downsview Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, and Allegheny's other utility subsidiary companies, West Penn Power Company, 800 Cabin Hill Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601, Monongahela Power Company, 1310 Fairmont Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia 26554 and Allegheny Energy Supply Company, LLC ("Supply") (together, "Applicants"), R.R. 12, P.O. Box 1000, Roseytown, Pennsylvania 15601 have filed an application-declaration under sections 6(a), 7, 9(a), 10, 12(b) and 12(f)