

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Paperwork Reduction Act Comments (NHP), Room 4400, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Rd, College Park, MD 20740–6001; or faxed to (301) 837–3213; or electronically mailed to tamee.fechhelm@nara.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information collection and supporting statement should be directed to Tamee Fechhelm at telephone number (301) 837–1694, or fax number (301) 837–3213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13), NARA invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed information collections. The comments and suggestions should address one or more of the following points: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NARA; (b) the accuracy of NARA's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of information technology. The comments that are submitted will be summarized and included in the NARA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, NARA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

Title: Request for and Record of Pass.
OMB number: 3095–0026.

Agency form number: NA Form 6006.

Type of review: Regular.

Affected public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations and institutions, and Federal government.

Estimated number of respondents: 1,300.

Estimated time per response: 3 minutes.

Frequency of response: On occasion.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 65 hours.

Abstract: The collection of information is necessary as a security measure to protect employees, information, and property in NARA facilities and to facilitate the issuance of passes. Use of the form is authorized by 44 U.S.C. 2104. Respondents who are contractors are given a building pass which expires at the end of each fiscal year; those who are volunteers are given

a pass valid for 2 years. At the NARA College Park facility, individuals receive an access card with the pass that is electronically coded to permit access to secure zones ranging from a general nominal level to stricter access levels for classified records zones. The access card system is part of the security management system which meets the accreditation standards of the Government intelligence agencies for storage of classified information, and serves to comply with E.O. 12958.

Dated: May 6, 2004.

L. Reynolds Cahoon,

Assistant Archivist for Human Resources and Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–266 and 50–301]

Nuclear Management Company, LLC, Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Process

Nuclear Management Company, LLC (NMC) has submitted an application for renewal of Facility Operating Licenses DPR–24 and DPR–27 for an additional 20 years of operation at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2 (PBNP). PBNP is located on the western shore of Lake Michigan in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, approximately 30 miles southeast of Green Bay, Wisconsin. The operating licenses for PBNP, Units 1 and 2, expire on October 5, 2010, and March 8, 2013, respectively. The application for renewal was received on February 26, 2004, pursuant to title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations part 54 (10 CFR part 54). A notice of receipt and availability of the application, which included the environmental report (ER), was published in the **Federal Register** on March 8, 2004 (69 FR 10765). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application for renewal of the facility operating licenses was published in the **Federal Register** on April 13, 2004, (69 FR 19559). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) in support of the review of the license renewal application and to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the environmental scoping process, as defined in title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 51.29 (10 CFR 51.29). In addition, as outlined in title

36 of the Code of the Federal Regulations, section 800.8, “Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act,” the NRC plans to coordinate compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act in meeting the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA).

In accordance with title 10 of the Code of the Federal Regulations, section 51.53(c) (10 CFR 51.53(c)) and title 10 of the Code of the Federal Regulations, section 54.23 (10 CFR 54.23), NMC submitted the ER as part of the application. The ER was prepared pursuant to title 10 of the Code of the Federal Regulations, part 51 (10 CFR part 51) and is available for public inspection at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). ADAMS is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>, which provides access through the NRC's Electronic Reading Room link. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS, or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC's PDR Reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, or 301–415–4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov. The application may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/point-beach.html>. In addition, the Lester Public Library, located at 1001 Adams Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin, 54241 has made the ER available for public inspection.

This notice advises the public that the NRC intends to gather the information necessary to prepare a plant-specific supplement to the Commission's “Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants,” (NUREG–1437) in support of the review of the application for renewal of the PBNP operating licenses for an additional 20 years. Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources. The NRC is required by title 10 of the Code of the Federal Regulations, section 51.95 (10 CFR 51.95) to prepare a supplement to the GEIS in connection with the renewal of an operating license. This notice is being published in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and the NRC's regulations found

in title 10 of the Code of the Federal Regulations part 51 (10 CFR part 51).

The NRC will first conduct a scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS and, as soon as practicable thereafter, will prepare a draft supplement to the GEIS for public comment. Participation in the scoping process by members of the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal government agencies is encouraged. The scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS will be used to accomplish the following:

a. Define the proposed action which is to be the subject of the supplement to the GEIS.

b. Determine the scope of the supplement to the GEIS and identify the significant issues to be analyzed in depth.

c. Identify and eliminate from detailed study those issues that are peripheral or that are not significant.

d. Identify any environmental assessments and other EISs that are being or will be prepared that are related to, but are not part of the scope of the supplement to the GEIS being considered.

e. Identify other environmental review and consultation requirements related to the proposed action.

f. Indicate the relationship between the timing of the preparation of the environmental analyses and the Commission's tentative planning and decision-making schedule.

g. Identify any cooperating agencies and, as appropriate, allocate assignments for preparation and schedules for completing the supplement to the GEIS to the NRC and any cooperating agencies.

h. Describe how the supplement to the GEIS will be prepared, and include any contractor assistance to be used.

The NRC invites the following entities to participate in scoping:

a. The applicant, Nuclear Management Company, LLC.

b. Any Federal agency that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved, or that is authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards.

c. Affected State and local government agencies, including those authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards.

d. Any affected Indian tribe.

e. Any person who requests or has requested an opportunity to participate in the scoping process.

f. Any person who has petitioned or intends to petition for leave to intervene.

In accordance with title 10 of the Code of the Federal Regulations section

51.26 (10 CFR 51.26), the scoping process for an EIS may include a public scoping meeting to help identify significant issues related to a proposed activity and to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS. The NRC has decided to hold public meetings for the PBNP license renewal supplement to the GEIS. The scoping meetings will be held at Fox Hills, 250 West Church Street in Mishicot, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, June 15, 2004. There will be two sessions to accommodate interested parties. The first session will convene at 1:30 p.m. and will continue until 4:30 p.m., as necessary. The second session will convene at 7 p.m. with a repeat of the overview portions of the meeting and will continue until 10 p.m., as necessary. Both meetings will be transcribed and will include: (1) An overview by the NRC staff of the NEPA environmental review process, the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS, and the proposed review schedule; and (2) the opportunity for interested government agencies, organizations, and individuals to submit comments or suggestions on the environmental issues or the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS. Additionally, the NRC staff will host informal discussions one hour before the start of each session at Fox Hills. No formal comments on the proposed scope of the supplement to the GEIS will be accepted during the informal discussions. To be considered, comments must be provided either at the transcribed public meetings or in writing, as discussed below. Persons may register to attend or present oral comments at the meetings on the scope of the NEPA review by contacting Mr. William Dam by telephone at 1-800-368-5642, extension 4014, or by e-mail to the NRC at PointBeachEIS@nrc.gov no later than June 11, 2004. Members of the public may also register to speak at the meeting within 15 minutes of the start of each session. Individual oral comments may be limited by the time available, depending on the number of persons who register. Members of the public who have not registered may also have an opportunity to speak, if time permits. Public comments will be considered in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS. Mr. Dam will need to be contacted no later than June 7, 2004, if special equipment or accommodations are needed to attend or present information at the public meeting, so that the NRC staff can determine whether the request can be accommodated.

Members of the public may send written comments on the environmental scope of the PBNP license renewal review to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, Mailstop T-6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Comments may also be delivered to the NRC, Room T-6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. during Federal workdays. To be considered in the scoping process, written comments should be postmarked by July 14, 2004. Electronic comments may be sent by e-mail to the NRC at PointBeachEIS@nrc.gov and should be sent no later than July 14, 2004, to be considered in the scoping process. Comments will be available electronically and accessible through ADAMS at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

Participation in the scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS does not entitle participants to become parties to the proceeding to which the supplement to the GEIS relates. Notice of opportunity for a hearing regarding the renewal application was the subject of the aforementioned **Federal Register** notice (69 FR 19559). Matters related to participation in any hearing are outside the scope of matters to be discussed at this public meeting.

At the conclusion of the scoping process, the NRC will prepare a concise summary of the determination and conclusions reached, including the significant issues identified, and will send a copy of the summary to each participant in the scoping process. The summary will also be available for inspection in ADAMS at <http://www.nrc.gov/readina-rm/adams.html>. The staff will then prepare and issue for comment the draft supplement to the GEIS, which will be the subject of separate notices and separate public meetings. Copies will be available for public inspection at the above-mentioned addresses, and one copy per request will be provided free of charge. After receipt and consideration of the comments, the NRC will prepare a final supplement to the GEIS, which will also be available for public inspection.

Information about the proposed action, the supplement to the GEIS, and the scoping process may be obtained from Mr. Dam at the aforementioned telephone number or e-mail address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of May, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Samson S. Lee,

Acting Program Director, License Renewal and Environmental Impacts Program, Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

January 2004 Pay Adjustments

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President adjusted the rates of basic pay and locality payments for certain categories of Federal employees effective in January 2004. This notice documents those pay adjustments for the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carey Johnson, Center for Pay and Performance Policy, Division for Strategic Human Resources Policy, Office of Personnel Management; (202) 606-2858; FAX (202) 606-0824; or e-mail to pay-performance-policy@opm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 30, 2003, the President signed Executive Order 13322 (69 FR 231, January 2, 2004), which implemented a 2.0 percent overall average increase above the 2003 rates. Executive Order 13322 provided an across-the-board increase of 1.5 percent in the rates of basic pay for the statutory pay systems and an overall average increase in the General Schedule (GS) locality rates equal to approximately 0.5 percent of the GS payroll. On March 3, 2004, the President signed Executive Order 13332 (69 FR 10889, March 8, 2004), which amended Executive order 13322 to provide a retroactive pay increase averaging 4.1 percent above the 2003 rates (in lieu of the 2.0 percent overall average increase originally implemented). The President made these adjustments consistent with the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004 (Public Law 108-199, January 23, 2004).

Schedule 1 of Executive Order 13332 provides the rates for the 2004 General Schedule and reflects a 2.7 percent across-the-board increase. Executive Order 13332 also includes the percentage amounts of the 2004 locality payments. (See Section 5 and Schedule 9 of Executive Order 13332.)

The publication of this notice satisfies the requirement in section 5(b) of Executive order 13332 that the Office of

Personnel Management (OPM) publish appropriate notice of the 2004 locality payments in the **Federal Register**.

GS employees receive locality payments under 5 U.S.C. 5304. Locality payments apply in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. In 2004, locality payments ranging from 10.90 percent to 24.21 percent apply to GS employees in 32 locality pay areas. These 2004 locality pay percentages, which replaced the locality pay percentages that were applicable in 2003, became effective on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after January 1, 2004. An employee's locality-adjusted annual rate of pay is computed by increasing his or her scheduled annual rate of basic pay (as defined in 5 U.S.C. 5302(8) and 5 CFR 531.602) by the applicable locality pay percentage. (See 5 CFR 531.604 and 531.605.)

Executive Order 13332 establishes the new Executive Schedule, which incorporates the 2.2 percent increase (rounded to the nearest \$100) required under 5 U.S.C. 5318. By law, Executive Schedule officials are not authorized to receive locality pay.

Section 1125 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 2004 (Public Law 108-136, November 24, 2003) established a new performance-based pay system for the Senior Executive Service (SES). The new law replaces the former six-level SES pay system with a single open-range pay system with only the minimum and maximum rates of pay set by law. The minimum rate of basic pay may not be less than the minimum rate payable under 5 U.S.C. 5376 for senior-level positions (\$104,927 in 2004), and the maximum rate of basic pay may not exceed the rate for level III of the Executive Schedule (\$145,600 in 2004). The maximum rate of the SES rate range will increase to level II of the Executive Schedule (\$158,100 in 2004) in those agencies that are certified under 5 U.S.C. 5307(d) as having executive performance appraisal systems that make meaningful distinctions based on relative performance. Additional information on the SES pay system is available on the Internet at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/compmemo/2004/2004-03.asp>.

The Executive order adjusted the rates of basic pay for administrative law judges (ALJs) by 2.2 percent (rounded to the nearest \$100). The maximum rate of basic pay for ALJs is set by law at the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule, which is now \$136,900. (See 5 U.S.C. 5372.)

The rates of basic pay for Board of Contract Appeals (BCA) members are

calculated as a percentage of the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. (See 5 U.S.C. 5372a.) Therefore, BCA rates of basic pay were increased by approximately 2.2 percent. Also, the maximum rate of basic pay for senior-level (SL) and scientific or professional (ST) positions was increased by approximately 2.2 percent (to \$136,900) because it is tied to the rate for level IV of the Executive Schedule. The minimum rate of basic pay for SL/ST positions is equal to 120 percent of the minimum rate of basic pay for GS-15 and thus was increased by 2.7 percent (to \$104,927). (See 5 U.S.C. 5376.)

On December 17, 2003, the President's Pay Agent extended the 2004 locality-based comparability payments to certain categories of non-GS employees. The Governmentwide categories include employees in SL/ST positions, ALJs, and BCA members. The maximum locality rate of pay for these employees is the rate for level III of the Executive Schedule (\$145,600 in 2004).

OPM published "Salary Tables for 2004," (OPM Doc. 124-48-6) in May 2004. This publication provides complete salary tables incorporating the 2004 pay adjustments, information on general pay administration matters, locality pay area definitions, Internal Revenue Service withholding tables, and other related information. The rates of pay shown in this publication are the official rates of pay for affected employees and are hereby incorporated as part of this notice. You may purchase copies of "Salary Tables for 2004" from the Government Printing Office (GPO) by calling (202) 512-1800 (outside the DC area: 1-866-512-1800) or FAX (202) 512-2250. You may order copies directly from GPO on the Internet at <http://bookstore.gpo.gov>. In addition, you can find pay tables on OPM's Internet Web site at <http://www.opm.gov/oca/payrates/index.asp>.

Office of Personnel Management.

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Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request
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