

hold its second meeting on December 11–12, 2000, at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Region II Office in Atlanta, Georgia. The Region II Office is located in the Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 24T20, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303–8931.

The IIEP meeting participants are listed below along with their affiliation:

A. Randolph Blough—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 R. William Borchardt—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Kenneth Brockman—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Steve Floyd—Nuclear Energy Institute
 David Garchow—PSEG Nuclear LLC
 Richard Hill—Southern Nuclear Operating Company
 Rod Krich—Commonwealth Edison Company
 Robert Laurie—California Energy Commission
 James Moorman, III—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Loren Plisco—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 Steven Reynolds—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
 A. Edward Scherer—Southern California Edison Company
 James Setser—Georgia Department of Natural Resources
 James Trapp—U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

A tentative agenda of the meeting is outlined as follows:

December 11, 2000 Meeting

8:00 am—Introduction/Meeting Objectives and Goals.

8:15 am—Review of Meeting Minutes and Action Items from November 1–2, 2000 Meeting.

8:30 am—Presentation of Results from Regional Workshops.
 —Summary of meetings from staff.
 —Summary of meeting issues from IIEP members.

—Summary of issues from site public meetings from IIEP members.

10:00 am—Presentation of Summary of ROP Issues Collected from IIEP Members.

12:00 pm—Lunch.

1:00 pm—Panel Discussion of Issues and Prioritization.

3:00 pm—Work Planning and Report Outline Development.

5:00 pm—Adjourn.

December 12, 2000 Meeting

8:00 am—Recap of Previous Day's Meeting/Meeting Objectives and Goals.

8:30 am—Presentation of Stakeholder Issues/Views.

12:00 pm—Lunch.
 1:00 pm—Panel Discussion of Stakeholder Issues/Views.

3:00 pm—Agenda Planning for January Meeting.

—Schedule March Meeting dates.

4:00 pm—Public Comments/General Discussion.

5:00 pm—Adjourn.

Meetings of the IIEP are open to the members of the public. Oral or written views may be presented by the members of the public, including members of the nuclear industry. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Loren R. Plisco (Telephone 404/562–4501, e-mail LRP@nrc.gov) or Mr. John D. Monninger (Telephone 301/415–3495, e-mail JDM@nrc.gov) five days prior to the meeting date, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras will be permitted during this meeting.

Further information regarding topics of discussion; whether the meeting has been canceled, rescheduled, or relocated; and the Panel Chairman's ruling regarding requests to present oral statements and time allotted, may be obtained by contacting Mr. Loren R. Plisco or Mr. John D. Monninger between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EST.

IIEP meeting transcripts and meeting reports will be available from the Commission's Public Document Room. Transcripts will be placed on the agency's web page.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Andrew Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50–390]

Tennessee Valley Authority; Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to the Facility Operating License (FOL) issued to Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA, licensee) for operation of the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 (WBN). The facility is located at the licensee's site on the west branch of the Tennessee River approximately 50 miles northeast of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed license amendment would allow the licensee to increase the licensed thermal power level of WBN, Unit 1, from 3411 to 3459 megawatts thermal (MWt), which represents a 1.4 percent increase in the allowable thermal power. This facility was authorized for power production at 3411

MWt with issuance of the FOL on February 7, 1996.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for license amendment dated June 7, as supplemented by letters dated June 23, August 24, September 26, October 6, October 27 and November 16, 2000.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action will allow an increase in power generation at WBN to provide additional electrical power for distribution to the grid. Power uprate has been widely recognized by the industry as a safe and cost-effective method to increase generating capacity.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has previously evaluated the environmental impact of operation of WBN, as described in the "Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2," NUREG–0498, December 1978 and its Supplement 1, April 1995. With regard to consequences of postulated accidents, the licensee has reanalyzed the design-basis accident doses for the exclusion area boundary, low population zone, and the control room dose to the operators and determined that there will be a small increase in these doses; however, the analysis presented in NUREG–0498 postulates these doses resulting from releases at 104.5 percent of the currently licensed power level. Thus, the increase in postulated doses due to design-basis accidents is bounded by the previous evaluation presented in NUREG–0498. No increase in the probability of these accidents is expected to occur.

With regard to normal releases, calculations have been performed that show the potential impact on the radiological effluents from the proposed 1.4 percent increase in power level of WBN. For the 1.4 percent uprating calculation, the offsite doses from normal effluent releases remain significantly below the bounding limits of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulation* (10 CFR), Part 50, Appendix I. Normal annual average gaseous releases remain limited to a small fraction of 10 CFR Part 20 limits for identified mixtures. Solid and liquid waste processing systems are expected to operate within their design requirements. More frequent operation of these systems may lead to a slight increase in solid and liquid waste production.

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed action will

not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. With regard to thermal discharges to the Chickamauga Reservoir on the Tennessee River, a small increase in the upstream to downstream temperature rise allowed by the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the Tennessee River is expected, due to the proposed 1.4 percent power uprate. The increase is expected to be approximately 0.1 degrees Fahrenheit, and therefore, insignificant. Existing administrative controls ensure the conduct of adequate monitoring such that appropriate actions can be taken to preclude exceeding NPDES permitted limits. No additional monitoring requirements or other changes relative to the NPDES permit are required as a result of the power uprate.

Therefore, as described in the preceding discussions, the 1.4 percent uprate of WBN does not have a significant environmental impact on the Chickamauga Reservoir.

No other nonradiological impacts are associated with the proposed action.

Based upon the above, the Commission concludes that the proposed action does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of resources not previously considered in the FES for Watts Bar.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

In accordance with its stated policy, on November 20, 2000, the staff consulted with the Tennessee State Official, Mr. J. Graves, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that this action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for this action.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's application for license amendment dated June 7, 2000, as supplemented June 23, August 24, September 26, October 6, October 27 and November 16, 2000. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 21st day of November 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Kahtan N. Jabbour,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of November 27, December 4, 11, 18, 25, 2000, and January 1, 2001.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of November 27

Monday, November 27, 2000

8:55 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (tentative)

a: Power Authority of the State of New York Entergy Companies, Transfer of licenses for Indian Point

3 and FitzPatrick nuclear plants, Petitions to Intervene

b: Florida Power & Light Co., License Renewal Application for Turkey Point Units 3 and 4; Licensing Board Referral and Scheduling Order

9:00 a.m. Briefing by DOE on Plutonium Disposition Program and MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility Licensing (Public Meeting) (Contact: Drew Persinko, 301-415-6522)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—

www.nrc.gov/live.html

Week of December 4—Tentative

Monday, December 4, 2000

1:55 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

2:00 p.m. Briefing on License Renewal Generic Aging Lessons Learned (GALL) Report, Standard Review Plan (SRP), and Regulatory Guide (Public Meeting) (Contact: Chris Grimes, 301-415-1183)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—

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Week of December 11—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 11.

Week of December 18—Tentative

Wednesday, December 20, 2000

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

9:30 a.m. Briefing on the Status of the Fuel Cycle Facility Oversight Program Revision (Public Meeting) (Contact: Walt Schwink, 301-415-7253)

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address—

www.nrc.gov/live.html

Week of December 25—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 25.

Week of January 1, 2001

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 1, 2001.

*THE SCHEDULE FOR COMMISSION MEETINGS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ON SHORT NOTICE. TO VERIFY THE STATUS OF MEETINGS CALL (RECORDING)—(301) 415-1292. CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

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