

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. 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). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* State Agreements Program, as authorized by Section 274(b) of the Atomic Energy Act.

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* One time or as-needed.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* 32 Agreement States who have signed Section 274(b) Agreements with NRC.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 134.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 32 Agreement States.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 1005 (7.5 hours per response).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Public Law 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* Agreement States are asked on a one-time or as-needed basis, e.g., to respond to a specific incident, to gather information on licensing and inspection practices and other technical statistical information. The results of such information requests, which are authorized under Section 274(b) of the Atomic Energy Act, are utilized in part by NRC in preparing responses to Congressional inquiries. Agreement State comments are also solicited in the areas of proposed procedure and policy development.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville

Pike, Room O-1 F23, Rockville, Maryland 20852. 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 March 30, 2001. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. Amy Farrell, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0029), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-7318.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of February, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket No. 50-260]

Tennessee Valley Authority; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating Licenses No. DPR-52, issued to the Tennessee Valley Authority (the licensee), for operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant Unit 2, located in Limestone County, Alabama.

The proposed amendment would approve a change to the licensee's schedule for withdrawal of the reactor pressure vessel material surveillance capsules. The change would permit the second capsule to remain in the vessel for an operating additional cycle.

The licensee's request cites exigent circumstances for this request. BWRVIP-86, BWR Integrated Surveillance Program Implementation Plan, Final Report was submitted to NRC on December 22, 2000. The December 2000 issuance of BWRVIP-86 revised the Integrated Surveillance

Program test program to designate the second Browns Ferry Unit 2 RPV surveillance capsule as a representative capsule. The revised test schedule proposed withdrawal in 2007 to allow for increased fluence which is expected to provide better shift data. Approval of this request prior to March 18, 2001, the beginning of the Unit 2, Cycle 11 refueling outage, is needed to prevent the withdrawal and analysis of the second capsule at an accumulated fluence which is not expected to yield useful results.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) for amendments to be granted under exigent circumstances, the NRC staff must determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

A. The proposed amendment does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

Pressure-temperature (P/T) limits are imposed on the reactor coolant system to ensure that adequate safety margins against nonductile or rapidly propagating failure exist during normal operation, anticipated operational occurrences, and system hydrostatic tests. The P/T limits are related to the nil-ductility reference temperature, RT_{ndt}. Changes in the fracture toughness properties of Reactor Pressure Vessel (RPV) beltline materials, resulting from the neutron irradiation and the thermal environment, are monitored by a surveillance program in compliance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix H. The effect of neutron fluence on the shift in the nil-ductility reference temperature of pressure vessel steel is predicted by methods given in Regulatory Guide (RG) 1.99, Revision 2. The Browns Ferry Unit 2 current P/T limits were established based on adjusted reference temperatures developed in accordance with the procedures prescribed in RG 1.99, Revision 2. Calculation of adjusted reference temperature by these procedures includes a margin term to ensure upper-bound values