

Facility Operating License Nos. NPF-4 and NPF-7: Amendments change the Technical Specifications for both units and the license for Unit 2 only.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: October 31, 2001 (66 FR 55025).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated December 19, 2001.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Virginia Electric and Power Company, et al., Docket Nos. 50-280 and 50-281, Surry Power Station, Units 1 and 2, Surry County, Virginia

Date of application for amendments: September 10, 2001.

Brief Description of amendments: These amendments eliminate the Technical Specification requirements to have and maintain a post-accident sampling system at Surry Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2.

Date of issuance: December 18, 2001.

Effective date: December 18, 2001.

Amendment Nos.: 229 and 229.

Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-32 and DPR-37: Amendments change the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: October 31, 2001 (66 FR 55026).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated December 18, 2001.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of December 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Stuart A. Richards,

Acting Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued a revision of a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.78, "Evaluating the Habitability of a Nuclear Power Plant Control Room During a Postulated Hazardous Chemical Release," describes guidance acceptable to the NRC staff for assessing the habitability of the control room during and after a postulated external release of hazardous chemicals. This guide also provides guidance for the protection of control room operators against an accidental release of hazardous chemicals, including chlorine.

With the publication of Regulatory Guide 1.78, Regulatory Guide 1.95, "Protection of Nuclear Power Plant Control Room Operators Against an Accidental Chlorine Release," is being withdrawn because the guidance in Regulatory Guide 1.95 has been updated and incorporated into Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 1.78.

Comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

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(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of December, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Michael E. Mayfield,

Director, Division of Engineering Technology, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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POSTAL SERVICE

United States Postal Service Board of Governors; Sunshine Act Meeting

Board Votes To Close December 24, 2001, Meeting

By paper and telephone vote on December 21 and 24, 2001, a majority of the members contacted and voting, the Board of Governors of the United States Postal Service voted to close to public observation its meeting held in Washington, DC via teleconference. The Board determined that prior public notice was possible.

Item Considered: Rate Case R2001-1.

General Counsel Certification: The General Counsel of the United States Postal Service has certified that the meeting was properly closed under the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Contact Person for More Information: Requests for information about the meeting should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board, David G. Hunter, at (202) 268-4800.

David G. Hunter,

Secretary.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Determination of Quarterly Rate of Excise Tax for Railroad Retirement Supplemental Annuity Program

In accordance with directions in Section 3221(c) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act (26 U.S.C., Section 3221(c)), the Railroad Retirement Board has determined that the excise tax imposed by such Section 3221(c) on every employer, with respect to having individuals in his employ, for each work-hour for which compensation is paid by such employer for services rendered to him during the quarter beginning January 1, 2002, shall be at the rate of 25 cents.

In accordance with directions in Section 15(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, the Railroad Retirement Board has determined that for the quarter beginning January 1, 2002, 41.1 percent of the taxes collected under Sections 3211(b) and 3221(c) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act shall be credited to the Railroad Retirement Account and 58.9 percent of the taxes collected under such Sections 3211(b) and 3221(c) plus 100 percent of the taxes collected under Section 3221(d) of the Railroad Retirement Tax Act shall be credited to the Railroad Retirement Supplemental Account.