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#### V. Authority and Signature

Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2007 (72 FR 31159).

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 10, 2007.

**Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.,**

*Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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#### NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

##### Humanities Panel Federal Advisory Committee; Notice of Charter Renewal

**AGENCY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of Renewal.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), as amended, the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) gives notice that it will renew the charter for the Humanities Panel for 2 years from December 29, 2007 to December 29, 2009. The Chairman of

NEH has determined that the renewal of the Humanities Panel is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Chairman of NEH by the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, 5 U.S.C. App. 3(2) (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), as amended, and section 10(a)(4) of the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. 959(a)(4), as amended.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Humanities Panel is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770). The purpose and objective of the Humanities Panel is to advise the National Council on the Humanities and the Chairman of the NEH concerning policies, programs, and procedures of the Endowment as requested. The Humanities Panel furthermore makes recommendations on applications for financial support submitted to NEH.

Members of the Humanities Panel are selected on the basis of their subject matter expertise in a humanities discipline or on the basis of their experience in a humanities institution, or both, in order to ensure that all applications are reviewed under the highest standards of excellence in the humanities. The NEH selects panelists from a broad range of humanities disciplines (including languages, literature, history, jurisprudence, philosophy, archaeology, comparative religion, ethics, and the history, criticism, and theory of the arts). Panelists also are selected from a wide range of humanities institutions (including colleges, universities, archives, libraries, museums and historical societies). By statute, the Humanities Panel is also required to have broad geographic and culturally diverse representation.

Dated: December 11, 2007.

**Heather C. Gottry,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer.*

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#### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 70-143]

##### Notice of Issuance of License Amendment for Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc., Erwin, TN

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Issuance of License Amendment.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Introduction

Pursuant to 10 CFR 2.106, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is providing notice of the issuance of License Amendment 79 to Material License No. SNM-124, to Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc. (the licensee), to authorize an increase in the possession limit for uranium enriched up to 100 percent in the uranium-235 isotope at the licensee's facility in Erwin, Tennessee. The licensee's request for the proposed license amendment was previously noticed in the **Federal Register** on October 18, 2007 (72 FR 59117), with a notice of an opportunity to request a hearing.

This license amendment complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and NRC's rules and regulations as set forth in 10 CFR Chapter 1. Accordingly, this license amendment was issued on November 23, 2007, and is effective immediately.

##### II. Further Information

The NRC has prepared a Safety Evaluation Report (SER) that documents the information that was reviewed and NRC's conclusion. In accordance with 10 CFR 2.390 of the NRC's "Rules of Practice," details with respect to this action, including the SER and accompanying documentation included in the license amendment package, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, you can access the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS

accession number for the license amendment is ML073190567. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room (PDR) Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to [pdrr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdrr@nrc.gov).

These documents may also be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's PDR, O 1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of December, 2007.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Kevin M. Ramsey,**

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Fuel Facility Licensing Directorate, Division  
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of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-280 And 50-281]

### Virginia Electric and Power Company, Surry Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to revise the licensing basis for Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-32 and DPR-37, issued to Virginia Electric and Power Company (the licensee), for operation of the Surry Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Surry 1 and 2), located in Surry county, Virginia. Therefore, as required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would authorize the licensee to revise the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) to permit an increase in the irradiation of the Surry 1 and 2 fuel assemblies beginning with Surry 1 and 2 improved fuel (SIF) assemblies with ZIRLO cladding from a lead rod average burnup of 60,000 to 62,000 megawatt days (MWd)/metric tons of uranium (MTU). Since the burnup restriction is not explicitly stated in the Surry 1 and 2 license conditions or Technical Specifications, the licensee incorporated it into Section 3.5.2.6.1 of the Surry 1 and 2 UFSAR to ensure that the burnup

limit is not exceeded when reload design evaluations are performed. The licensee will continue to apply the current burnup limit of 60,000 MWd/MTU for old fuel assemblies, if used, in the spent fuel pool with Zircaloy-4 cladding. In addition, the licensee will maintain the peak rod average burnup limits in the Surry 1 and 2 UFSAR.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated March 6, 2007.

##### The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action will allow the licensee to design reloads to a lead rod average burnup limit of 62,000 MWd/MTU, which has an appreciable economic benefit. The licensee states that "Recent reload patterns have been degraded at an economic penalty to maintain the burnup below the existing limit [60,000 MWd/MTU]."

##### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its safety evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that SIF mechanical design, LOCA analysis, non-LOCA transient analyses, and the proposed UFSAR changes are acceptable to a peak rod average of 62,000 MWd/MTU. The NRC staff previously completed an environmental assessment of the effects of extending fuel burnup above 60,000 MWd/MTU through NUREG/CR-6703 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML010310298), and determined that there are no significant adverse environmental impacts associated with extending peak-rod fuel burnup to 62,000 MWd/MTU. The environmental effects of extending Surry 1 and 2 lead rod average burnup limit to 62,000 MWd/MTU are also bounded by NUREG/CR-6703.

The details of the staff's safety evaluation will be provided in the license amendment that will be issued as part of the letter to the licensee approving the license amendment to the regulation.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents. No changes are being made in the types of effluents that may be released off site. There is no significant increase in the amount of any effluent released off site. 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 non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect

any historic site. The proposed action does not result in any significant changes to land use or water use, or result in any significant changes to the quality or quantity of effluents. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and no changes to the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit are needed. No effects on the aquatic or terrestrial habitat in the vicinity of the plant, or to endangered or threatened species, or to the habitats of endangered or threatened species are expected, and has no other environmental impact, therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed action will not change the method of generating electricity or the method of handling any effluents from the environment or non-radiological effluents to the environment. Therefore, no changes or different types of non-radiological environmental impacts are expected as a result of the proposed amendments.

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

##### Environmental Impacts of the 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 significant change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

##### Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for Surry 1 and 2, May and June 1972, respectively, and the supplemental environmental impact assessment for license renewal issued on November 30, 2002.

##### Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on November 27, 2007, the staff consulted with Mr. Les Foldesi, Director of the Bureau of Radiological Health, Commonwealth of Virginia, 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 the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the