

Division of Public Programs, for projects after September 1, 1995.

2. Date: April 27-28, 1995.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Room: 415.

Program: This meeting will review applications submitted for Humanities Projects in Media program for the March 10, 1995 deadline, submitted to the Division of Public Programs, for projects beginning after September 1, 1995.

David C. Fisher,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. STN 50-528]

Arizona Public Service Company, et al., Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 1; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, Paragraph III.D.1.(a), Type A Tests, to the Arizona Public Service Company, et al. (APS or the licensee), for operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 1, located in Maricopa County, Arizona.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J, Paragraph III.D.1.(a), to the extent that a one-time schedular extension would permit rescheduling the third containment integrated leak rate test (ILRT) in the first 10-year service period from the fifth refueling outage (1R5) currently scheduled for May 1995 to the sixth refueling outage (1R6) planned for September 1996. The requested exemption would also allow the decoupling of this third test from the endpoint of the first 10-year inservice inspection (ISI) period.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated December 28, 1994.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The current containment integrated leakage rate test (ILRT) requirements for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1, as set forth in Appendix J, are that, after the preoperational leak rate test, a set of three Type A tests must be

performed at approximately equal intervals during each 10-year period. Also, the third test of each set must be conducted when the plant is shut down for the 10-year plant inservice inspection. To date, for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1, the preoperational and the first two periodic ILRTs have been conducted. The most recent ILRT was conducted in February 1990, approximately 59 months ago. Thus, in accordance with Appendix J, an ILRT would have to be conducted during the upcoming refueling outage (1R5, scheduled for May 1995).

The licensee has requested a schedular exemption from Appendix J. Specifically, the exemption would allow APS to delay the Unit 1 third Type A test until the September 1996 refueling outage (1R6) and allow APS to only perform the three tests required by 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J. As such, the third Type A test would be performed within 10 calendar years from the common start date of the initial ISI interval and 10 years and 8 months from the date of Unit 1 commercial operation. With this exemption, the interval between the second and third Type A test would be approximately 81 months.

The licensee also requested an exemption that would allow the decoupling of this third test from the endpoint of the first 10-year inservice inspection period. Specifically, subsequent Type A testing would be performed in accordance with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix J (three Type A tests every 10 years at approximately equal intervals), commencing from the completion of the Unit 1 sixth refueling outage (1R6). A CILRT would not need to be performed during the 10-year ISI outage planned for the Spring of 1998 (1R7). Therefore, the need for the licensee's proposed action is to allow a longer interval between the Palo Verde Unit 1 second and third periodic Type A ILRTs. This action, along with decoupling the requirement to perform an ILRT at the end of the 10-year inservice inspection period, will eliminate the need for an additional test. The licensee concluded that the extension of the Type A test interval has a negligible impact on overall risk and results in a cost savings.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed one-time exemption would not increase the probability or consequences of accidents previously analyzed and the proposed one-time exemption would not affect facility radiation levels or facility

radiological effluents. The licensee has analyzed the results of previous Type A tests performed at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1. The licensee has provided an acceptable basis for concluding that the proposed one-time extension of the Type A test interval would maintain the containment leakage rates within acceptable limits. Accordingly, the Commission has concluded that the one-time extension does not result in a significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released nor does it result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed exemption only involves Type A testing on the containment. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. 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.

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is not significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupation radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of resources not previously considered in the "Final Environmental Statement Related to the Operation of Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3," dated February 1982.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, the NRC staff consulted with the Arizona State official regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's letter dated December 28, 1994, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Phoenix Public Library, 12 East McDowell Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of March 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Notice of Meeting

The Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) will hold its 73rd meeting on April 12-13, 1995, in Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The meeting will be open to public attendance, with the exemption of portions that may be closed to discuss information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

The agenda for this meeting shall be as follows:

Wednesday and Thursday, April 12 and 13, 1995—8:30 A.M. until 6:00 P.M.

During this meeting the Committee plans to consider the following:

A. *DOE's Approach to Groundwater Travel Time*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the Department of Energy and the NRC staff and their consultants on the Department's approach to resolving the groundwater travel time issue associated with the proposed Yucca Mountain high-level waste repository.

B. *Meeting with the Director, NRC's Division of Waste Management, Nuclear Materials Safety & Safeguards*—The Director will provide information to the Committee on current waste management issues, which may include the use of expert judgment, a discussion of NRC's key technical uncertainties associated with Yucca Mountain, and a Performance Assessment Vertical Slice Review of volcanism and groundwater travel time.

C. *National Performance Review Phase 2*—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with the NRC staff on initiatives to streamline the federal government and regulatory process.

D. *Meeting with the Director, NRC's Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards*—The Committee will welcome the new Director and discuss interactions between the Committee and the Office of NMSS.

E. *Preparation of ACNW Reports*—The Committee will discuss proposed reports on the Approach to Groundwater Travel Time at Yucca Mountain, a low-level waste branch technical position on performance assessment, a proposed NRC rule on radiological criteria for decommissioning and the EPA's preproposal standard on low-level waste disposal. Additional topics will be considered as time permits including the engineered barrier system for the proposed Yucca Mountain repository, the evaluation of rock mechanics for the proposed Yucca Mountain site, and DOE's program approach.

F. *Committee Activities/Future Agenda*—The Committee will consider topics proposed for future consideration by the full Committee and working groups. The Committee will also discuss organizational and personnel matters related to the selection of new ACNW members and ACNW staff. A portion of this session may be closed to public attendance to discuss information the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6).

G. *Miscellaneous*—The Committee will discuss miscellaneous matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and organizational activities and complete discussion of matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACNW meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on October 7, 1994 (59 FR 51219). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written statements may be presented by members of the public, electronic recordings will be permitted only during those portions of the meeting that are open to the public, and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the ACNW Executive Director, Dr. John T. Larkins, as far in advance as practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow the necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture and television cameras during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the ACNW Chairman. Information regarding the time to

be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contracting the ACNW Executive Director prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACNW meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons planning to attend should check with the ACNW Executive Director if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been cancelled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor can be obtained by contacting the ACNW Executive Director, Dr. John T. Larkins (Telephone 301/415-7360), between 7:30 A.M. and 4:15 P.M. EST.

Dated: March 24, 1995.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Biweekly Notice

Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from March 3, 1995, through March 17, 1995. The last biweekly notice was published on March 15, 1995.

Notice Of Consideration Of Issuance Of Amendments To Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, And Opportunity For A Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation