

allow a one-time exemption to permit a schedular extension of one cycle for the performance of the appendix Type A test, provided that the general containment inspection is performed, to be acceptable.

Section IV.A of appendix J would normally require that a Type A test be performed prior to startup following a containment modification such as the planned steam generator replacement. However, in this case, the affected area of the primary containment boundary is also part of the pressure boundary of a ASME Class 2 component/piping system and, as such, the planned replacement of the steam generators is subject to the repair and replacement requirements of ASME Section XI. The ASME Section XI surface examination, volumetric examination, and system pressure testing requirements are more stringent than the Type A testing requirements of appendix J. The objective of the Type A test required by Section IV.A is to assure the leak-tight integrity of the containment area affected by the modification. The ASME Section XI inspection and testing requirements more than fulfill the intent of the requirements of Section IV.A of appendix J. As a result, the special circumstances of 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) are present in that the application of the regulation in these particular circumstances is not needed to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the basis for the licensee's proposed exemption to allow a one-time exemption from Type A testing for modification of the primary containment boundary due to the forthcoming NA steam generator replacement to be acceptable.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that granting these Exemptions will not have a significant impact on the environment (60 FR 15945).

The exemption from Section III.D.1.(a) of appendix J to 10 CFR part 50 is effective upon issuance and shall expire at the completion of the NA-2 1996 refueling outage.

The exemption from Section IV.A of appendix J to 10 CFR part 50 is effective upon issuance and shall expire at the completion of the NA-2 1995 steam generator replacement refueling outage.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Dated at Rockville, MD, this 29th day of March 1995.

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Panel on the Engineered Barrier System: Meeting and Tour of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board's Panel on the Engineered Barrier System will hold a meeting on Tuesday, June 6, 1995, in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and a tour of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory (INEL) site on Wednesday, June 7, 1995. The meeting will be held at the Shilo Inn, 780 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402; Tel (208) 523-0088; Fax (208) 522-7420. The meeting and tour are open to the public; however, space on the tour is limited and advance reservations are required.

The panel meeting on Tuesday will focus on three areas of interest to the Board: (1) government-owned spent nuclear fuel at INEL (its description and plans for its eventual permanent disposal), (2) contaminated scrap metal and greater-than-class-C waste activities managed by the Department of Energy's Idaho Operations Office that could have an impact on permanent disposal in a repository, and (3) dry storage of spent nuclear fuel, including current research and development activities at INEL for government-owned and commercial spent nuclear fuel. Panel members have invited the Department of Energy and its INEL contractors and INEL researchers to discuss these issues. The panel will also hear about the status of efforts to get INEL high-level defense wastes such as calcine and tank-stored liquids into appropriate forms for transportation to and disposal in a potential repository.

On Wednesday, June 7, the panel will participate in a tour of the INEL facilities discussed in the previous day's meeting. The Board makes every effort to ensure that the general public has access to all of its activities. To that end, the public is invited to attend the tour with the panel. Space is limited, however, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The tour will begin at the Shilo Inn in Idaho Falls at approximately 8 a.m. and return to the hotel at approximately 6 p.m.

All who wish to join the tour must provide the following information to Frank Randall, (703) 235-4473 or FAX (703) 235-4495.

1. Full name
2. Social security number
3. Date of birth
4. Daytime telephone number
5. Company or organization

6. Place of birth (city and state)
7. Country of citizenship (if non-U.S.)

U.S. citizens must call or fax their data to Mr. Randall by May 19, 1995. Non-U.S. citizens must call or fax their data to Mr. Randall by April 28, 1995. No one will be registered for the tour after the applicable cutoff date.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987 to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the DOE in its program to manage the disposal of the nation's high-level radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel. In that same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, for its suitability as a potential location for a permanent repository for the disposal of that waste.

Transcripts of the meeting will be available on computer disk or on a library-loan basis in paper format from Victoria Reich, Board librarian, beginning July 24, 1995. For further information, contact Frank Randall, External Affairs, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 910, Arlington, Virginia 22209; (703) 235-4473.

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PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Eighth Meeting of the President's Council on Sustainable Development (PCSD) in San Francisco, CA

SUMMARY: The President's Council on Sustainable Development, a partnership of industry, government, and environmental, labor and civil rights organizations, will convene its eighth meeting in San Francisco, California. Council members will further discuss the PCSD's role in developing recommendations to the President toward the integration of environmental and economic policy and, ultimately, establishing a long-term path toward a sustainable United States by the year 2040.

Council members will discuss at length the draft policy recommendations for a sustainable future, which have been developed by each of the PCSD's task forces. The task forces have generated these policy recommendations based on information