

instead of returning them when exiting the site.

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action. Under the proposed system, each individual who is authorized for unescorted entry into protected areas would have the physical characteristics of their hand (hand geometry) registered with their badge number in the access control system. When an individual enters the badge into the card reader and places the hand on the measuring surface, the system would record the individual's hand image. The unique characteristics of the extracted hand image would be compared with the previously stored template to verify authorization for entry. Individuals, including licensee employees and contractors, would be allowed to keep their badges with them when they depart the site.

Based on a Sandia report entitled "A Performance Evaluation of Biometric Identification Devices" (SAND91-0276 UC-906 Unlimited Release, printed June 1991), and on its experience with the current photo-identification system, the licensee stated that the false acceptance rate of the proposed hand geometry system is comparable to that of the current system. The licensee stated that the use of the badges with the hand geometry system would increase the overall level of access control. Since both the badge and hand geometry would be necessary for access into the protected area, the proposed system would provide for a positive verification process. Potential loss of a badge by an individual, as a result of taking the badge off site, would not enable an unauthorized entry into protected areas. The licensee will implement a process for testing the proposed system to ensure continued overall level of performance equivalent to that specified in the regulation. The Physical Security Plan for CPSES will be revised to include implementation and testing of the hand geometry access control system and to allow licensee employees and contractors to take their badges off site.

The access process will continue to be under the observation of security personnel. A numbered picture badge identification system will continue to be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escorts. Badges will continue to be displayed by all individuals while inside the protected area.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and

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

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. 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 action.

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.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the CPSES, Units 1 and 2 dated October 1989.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on April 7, 1995, the staff consulted with Texas State official, Mr. John Haygood of the Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Radiation control, 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 action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated January 16, 1995 (TXX-95012), as supplemented by letters dated March 1

(TXX-95064), and April 3, 1995 (TXX-95089), which are 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 University of Texas at Arlington Library, Government Publications/Maps, 702 College, P.O. Box 19497, Arlington, TX 76019.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of April 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Use of NUMARC/EPRI Report TR-102348 for Analog-to-Digital Replacements; Issued

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of issuance.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued Generic Letter 95-02 on informing licensees for reactors of the NRC staff's new position on the use of Nuclear Management and Resource Council/Electric Power Research Institute (NUMARC/EPRI) Report TR-102348, "Guideline on Licensing Digital Upgrades," dated December 1993, as acceptable guidance for determining when an analog-to-digital replacement can be performed without prior NRC staff approval under the requirements of § 50.59 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This generic letter is available in the Public Document Rooms under accession number 9504140227. The resolution of public comments received on this generic letter is discussed in a memorandum which is also available in the Public Document Rooms under accession number 9504260141.

DATES: The generic letter was issued on April 26, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Not applicable.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of April, 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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