

information about veterans who use the programs that are available to them. Data are necessary to evaluate veterans' programs.

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Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (95-034)]

Intent To Grant a Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of intent to Grant an Exclusive Patent License.

SUMMARY: NASA intends to grant Total Quality Measures, Inc., a Corporation of the State of New Hampshire, having its headquarters in Merrimack, New Hampshire, an exclusive, royalty-bearing revocable license to practice U.S. Patent No. 5,333,931, entitled Portable Seat Lift. U.S. Patent No. 5,333,931 is for a portable seat lift that can help individuals either (1) lower themselves to a sitting position or (2) raise themselves to a standing position. The portable seat lift consists of a seat mounted on a base with two levers, which are powered by a drive unit. The patent license will be for a limited number of years and will contain appropriate terms and conditions in accordance with the Department of Commerce patent licensing regulations, 37 CFR 404.1 *et seq.* NASA will grant the patent license in accordance with these licensing regulations unless the Director of Patent Licensing receives written objections to the grant, together with any supporting documentation, within 60 days of the date of this notice. The Director of Patent Licensing will review all written objections to the grant and then recommend to the Associate General Counsel (Intellectual Property) whether to grant the license.

DATES: Written objections to this proposal license grant must be received by August 7, 1995.

ADDRESSES: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Code GP, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Harry Lupuloff, NASA, Director of Patent Licensing at (202) 358-2041.

Dated: May 21, 1995.

Edward A. Frankle,
General Counsel.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meeting of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meeting of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David C. Fisher, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meeting is for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meeting will consider information that is likely to disclose: (1) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential; or (2) information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that this meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c) (4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* June 29, 1995.

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

Room: 430.

Program: This meeting will review proposals submitted to the May 1, 1995 deadline in the Office of Challenge Grants Program, for projects beginning after December 1, 1995.

David C. Fisher,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-458]

Entergy Operations, Inc. Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-47, issued to Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee), for operation of the River Bend Station, Unit 1 (RBS), located in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed amendment will replace the existing Technical Specifications (TSs) in their entirety with the Improved Technical Specifications (ITSS).

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's amendment request dated November 30, 1993, as supplemented January 18, 1995.

The Need for the Proposed Action

It has been recognized that nuclear safety in all plants would benefit from improvement and standardization of the TSs. The "NRC Interim Policy Statement on Technical Specification Improvements for Nuclear Power Reactors," (**Federal Register** 52 FR 3788, February 6, 1987) and later the Final Policy Statement, formalized this need. To facilitate the development of individual ITSS, each reactor vendor owners group (OG) and the NRC staff developed Standard TSs. For General Electric (GE) plants, the Standard TSs (STS) are NUREG-1433 for BWR/4 reactor facilities and NUREG-1434 for BWR/6 facilities. NUREG-1434 formed the basis of the RBS ITSS.

Description of the Proposed Change

The proposed revision to the TSs is based on NUREG-1434 and on guidance provided in the Policy Statement. Its objective is to completely rewrite, reformat, and streamline the existing TSs. Emphasis is placed on human factors principles to improve clarity and understanding. The Bases section has been significantly expanded to clarify and better explain the purpose and foundation of each specification. In addition to NUREG-1434, portions of the existing TSs were also used as the basis for the ITSS. Plant-specific issues (unique design features, requirements, and operating practices) were discussed at length with the licensee, and generic matters with GE and other OGs.

The proposed changes from the existing TSs can be grouped into four general categories, as follows:

1. Non-technical (administrative) changes, which were intended to make the ITSs easier to use for plant operations personnel. They are purely editorial in nature or involve the movement or reformat of requirements without affecting technical content. Every section of the RBS TSs has undergone these types of changes. In order to ensure consistency, the NRC staff and the licensee have used NUREG-1434 as guidance to reformat and make other administrative changes.

2. Relocation of the requirements, which includes items that were in the existing RBS TSs, but did not meet the criteria set forth in the Policy Statement for inclusion in the TSs. In general, the proposed relocation of items in the RBS TSs to the Updated Safety Analysis Report (USAR), appropriate plant-specific programs, procedures and ITS Bases follows the guidance of the BWR/6 STS, NUREG-1434. Once these items have been relocated by removing them from the TSs to other licensee-controlled documents, the licensee may revise them under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59 or other NRC staff-approved control mechanisms which provide appropriate procedural means to control changes.

3. More restrictive requirements, which consist of proposed RBS ITS items that are either more conservative than corresponding requirements in the existing RBS TSs, or are additional restrictions which are not in the existing RBS TSs, but are contained in NUREG-1434. Examples of more restrictive requirements include: placing a Limiting Condition of Operation (LCO) on plant equipment, which is not required by the present TSs to be operable; more restrictive requirements to restore inoperable equipment; and more restrictive surveillance requirements.

4. Less restrictive requirements, which are relaxations of corresponding requirements in the existing RBS TSs which provided little or no safety benefit and placed unnecessary burden on the licensee. These relaxations were the result of generic NRC action or other analyses. They have been justified on a case-by-case basis for RBS as described in the safety evaluation to be issued with the license amendment, which will be noticed in the **Federal Register**.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed revision to the TSs. Changes which are

administrative in nature have been found to have no effect on technical content of the TSs, and are acceptable. The increased clarity and understanding these changes bring to the TSs are expected to improve the operator's control of the plant in normal and accident conditions.

Relocation of requirements to other licensee-controlled documents does not change the requirements themselves. Future changes to these requirements may be made by the licensee under 10 CFR 50.59 or other NRC-approved control mechanisms, which assures continued maintenance of adequate requirements. All such relocations have been found to be in conformance with the guidelines of NUREG-1434 and the Policy Statement, and, therefore, to be acceptable.

Changes involving more restrictive requirements have been found to be acceptable.

Changes involving less restrictive requirements have been reviewed individually. When requirements have been shown to provide little or no safety benefit or to place unnecessary burden on the licensee, their removal from the TSs was justified. In most cases, relaxations previously granted to individual plants on a plant-specific basis were the result of a generic NRC action, or of agreements reached during discussions with the OG and found to be acceptable for RBS. Generic relaxations contained in NUREG-1434 have also been reviewed by the NRC staff and have been found to be acceptable.

In summary, the proposed revision to the TSs was found to provide control of plant operations such that reasonable assurance will be provided that the health and safety of the public will be adequately protected.

These TS changes will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluent that may be released offsite, 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 TS amendment.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed amendment involves features located entirely within the restricted areas 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 impacts associated with the proposed amendment.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed amendment, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed amendment, the staff considered denial of the amendment. Denial of the amendment would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed amendment and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the River Bend Station, Unit 1.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on May 16, 1995, the staff consulted with the Louisiana State official, Dr. Stan Shaw, Assistant Administrator of the Louisiana Radiation Protection Division, Department of Environmental Quality 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 amendment.

For further details with respect to this proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated November 30, 1993, as supplemented January 18, 1995, 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 Government Documents Department, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 30th day of May 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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