

status of Commission action on the two policy statements: Statement of Principles and Policy for the Agreement State Program and the Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs. NRC is also announcing the availability of the policy statements to interested parties.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the policy statements may be obtained by calling Vicki Bolling at (301)-415-2326 or by writing to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Document Control Desk, P1-37, Washington, DC 20555, Attn: Vicki Bolling, OSP. These documents are available for inspection in the Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., (Lower Level), Washington, DC between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kathleen Schneider, Office of State Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301)-415-2320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has approved, in principle, the Policy Statements entitled "Statement of Principles and Policy for the Agreement State Program" and "Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs" with the stipulations discussed below.

The Commission is going to defer implementation of the policy statements until implementing procedures are developed and approved by the Commission. The NRC staff is to develop the implementing procedures and any necessary changes to the two policy statements and resubmit the policy statements and implementing procedures to the Commission by September 30, 1996. Copies of the two policy statements may be obtained from the address listed in this notice. Until the policy statements and final implementing procedures are approved by the Commission, the NRC staff will continue to use the policy statement on Discontinuance of the NRC Authority and Assumption Thereof by States Through Agreement: Criteria for Guidance of States and NRC, published January 23, 1981 (46 FR 7540), as revised July 21, 1983 (48 FR 33376), for new agreements.

The Office of State Programs B.7 Procedure for compatibility will be utilized in connection with the interim implementation of the Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP) to evaluate Agreement State programs until the final implementing procedures for the two policy statements and any revisions to the policy statements are approved by the Commission. NRC plans to issue a

Federal Register Notice in the near future, which will address how IMPEP will be integrated into the current framework for Agreement State program reviews.

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

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John C. Hoyle,

Secretary of the Commission.

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Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to the OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Revision.

2. The title of the information collection: Simulation Facility Certification.

3. The form number if applicable: NRC Form 474.

4. How often the collection is required: One time requirement for initial certification and quadrennial thereafter.

5. Who will be required or asked to report: All power reactor licensees and applicants for an operating license.

6. An estimate of the number of responses: 20 annually.

7. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: 2,400 (approximately 120 hours per response).

8. An indication of whether Section 3504(h), Pub. L. 96-511 applies: Not applicable.

9. Abstract: Licensed power facilities that propose the use of a simulation facility consisting solely of a plant-referenced simulator for the conduct of NRC licensing operating tests are required to submit NRC Form 474.

The information on the form consists of the results of performance testing completed on the subject simulation facility and a schedule for the conduct of performance tests for the subsequent four-year period. NRC uses this information to ascertain the acceptability of simulation facilities for use in the conduct of operating tests for nuclear power plant operator and senior

operator candidates and to determine whether to initiate a simulation facility inspection at a specific site due to concerns about their suitability for use in operating tests.

Copies of the submittal may be inspected or obtained for a fee from the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer: Troy Hillier, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0138), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, (301) 415-7233.

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

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Gerald F. Cranford,

Designated Senior Official for Information Resources Management.

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[Docket Nos. 50-254 and 50-265]

Commonwealth Edison Company, Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Company, Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2; 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 its regulations to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-29 and DPR-30, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee), for operation of Quad Cities Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Rock Island County, Illinois.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for Physical Protection of Licensed Activities in Nuclear Power Reactors Against Radiological Sabotage." The requested exemption would allow the implementation of a hand geometry biometric system of site access control in conjunction with photograph identification badges, and would allow the badges to be taken off site.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55(a), the licensee is required to establish and maintain an onsite physical protection system and security organization.

In 10 CFR 73.55(d), "Access Requirements," it specifies in part that "The licensee shall control all points of personnel and vehicle access into a protected area." In 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5), it specifies in part that "A numbered picture badge identification system shall be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escort." It further indicates that an individual not employed by the licensee (e.g., contractors) may be authorized access to protected areas without an escort provided the individual, "receives a picture badge upon entrance into the protected area which must be returned upon exit from the protected area."

Currently, unescorted access for both employee and contractor personnel into the Quad Cities Station, Units 1 and 2, is controlled through the use of picture badges. Positive identification of personnel who are authorized and request access into the protected area is established by security personnel making a visual comparison of the individual requesting access and that individual's picture badge. The picture badges are issued, stored, and retrieved at the entrance/exit location to the protected area. In accordance with 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5), contractor personnel are not allowed to take their picture badges off site. In addition, in accordance with the plant's physical security plan, the licensee's employees are also not allowed to take their picture badges off site. The licensee proposes to implement an alternative unescorted access control system which would eliminate the need to issue and retrieve picture badges at the entrance/exit location to the protected area. The proposal would also allow contractor who have unescorted access to keep their picture badges in their possession when departing the Quad Cities site. In addition, the site security plans will be revised to allow implementation of the hand geometry system and to allow employees and contractors with unescorted access to keep their picture badges in their possession when leaving the Quad Cities site.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action. In addition to their picture badges, all individuals with authorized unescorted access will have the physical

characteristics of their hand (hand geometry) registered with their picture badge number in a computerized access control system. Therefore, all authorized individuals must not only have their picture badges to gain access into the protected area, but must also have their hand geometry confirmed.

All other access processes, including search function capability and access revocation, will remain the same. A security officer responsible for access control will continue to be positioned within a bullet-resistant structure. The proposed system is only for individuals with authorized unescorted access and will not be used for individuals requiring escorts.

The underlying purpose for requiring that individuals not employed by the licensee must receive and return their picture badges at the entrance/exit is to provide reasonable assurance that the access badges could not be compromised or stolen with a resulting risk that an unauthorized individual could potentially enter the protected area. Although the proposed exemption will allow individuals to take their picture badges off site, the proposed measures require not only that the picture badge be provided for access to the protected area, but also that verification of the hand geometry registered with the badge be performed as discussed above. Thus, the proposed system provides an identity verification process that is equivalent to the existing process.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that the exemption to allow individuals not employed by the licensee to take their picture badges off site will not result in an increase in the risk that an unauthorized individual could potentially enter the protected area. Consequently, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed exemption 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. The principal alternative to the proposed action would be to deny the requested action. Denial of the requested action would not significantly enhance the environment in that the

proposed action will result in a process that is equivalent to the existing identification verification process.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Quad Cities Station, Units 1 and 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 20, 1995, the staff consulted with the Illinois State Official, Mr. Mike Parker, Chief, Reactor Safety Section; Division of Engineering; Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety; regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the foregoing 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 June 21, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Dixon Public Library, 221 Hennepin Avenue, Dixon, Illinois 61021.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of July 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Self-Regulatory Organizations; Notice of Filing and Order Granting Accelerated Approval of Proposed Rule Change by the Chicago Stock Exchange, Incorporated Relating to the Implementation of Modified Versions of the SuperMAX System on a Pilot Basis

July 27, 1995.

Pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934