

50.12(a)(2)(ii), special circumstances are present whenever application of the regulation in question is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

The staff finds that the requested exemptions for Ginna are acceptable, since compliance with the literal requirements of the paragraphs cited is not necessary given that the approved EM is based upon appropriate experimental data, the approved EM satisfactorily accounts for the cooling mechanisms in the Ginna UPI design for calculations of core reflood rates and heat transfer during a LB LOCA, and that the approved EM satisfies the purpose of the exempted requirements.

Thus, using the best-estimate thermal-hydraulic approved LBLOCA EM, the underlying purpose of the Appendix K, paragraphs I.D.3 and I.D.5 requirements can be achieved.

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Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, this exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security.

Accordingly, the Commission hereby grants an exemption from 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, paragraphs I.D.3 and I.D.5. The staff also finds that the LB LOCA EM described in any approved version of WCAP-10924-P incorporated in the Ginna Technical Specifications may be used in core operating report, and licensing analyses, and that further exemptions will not be necessary unless the updated approved versions of the EM do not meet other requirements of 10 CFR 50.46 and/or Appendix K.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of the exemption will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment (61 FR 13891).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of May 1996.

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Board Meeting: Exploration and Testing Activities, Past and Future Climates and Hydrology at Yucca Mountain

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 will hold its summer meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 9-10, 1996, in Denver, Colorado. The meeting will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207; (tel) 303-321-3333; (fax) 303-329-9179. To receive the preferred rate, reservations must be made by June 16, 1996; please tell the hotel you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 8:30 A.M. both days.

The Board will explore two basic themes during the meeting: activities in the Yucca Mountain exploratory studies facility (ESF), and past and future climates and their associated effects on the hydrology at Yucca Mountain. The Board has invited representatives of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) and its contractors, as well as independent consultants, to make presentations on the issues. Specific topics concerning the ESF will include updates on tunnel boring machine operations and scientific activities, the status of the waste isolation strategy, thermal testing, and advanced conceptual design for the repository. Presentations on climate and its effects on hydrology will include the geological structure at Yucca Mountain, historical perspectives and current views on both climate and hydrology, and climate modeling. Time has been set aside on the second day for a round-table discussion of all topics covered by the meeting.

Time also has been set aside for public comment and questions on both days. To ensure that everyone wishing to speak is provided time to do so, the Board encourages those who have comments to sign the *Public Comment Register*, which will be located at the sign-in table. Depending on the number of people wishing to speak, a time limit may have to be set on the length of individual remarks. However, written comments of any length may be submitted for the record.

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 spent nuclear fuel and defense high-level waste. 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 this meeting will be available via e-mail, on computer disk, or on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes, Board staff, beginning August 21, 1996. For further information, contact Frank Randall, External Affairs, 1100 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 910, Arlington, Virginia 22209; (Tel) 703-235-4473; (Fax) 703-235-4495.

Dated: June 4, 1996.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Application for Survivor Insurance Annuities.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* AA-17, AA-17b, AA-18, AA-19, AA-19a, and AA-20.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0030.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* June 30, 1996.
- (5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 5,765.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 5,765.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 2,864.
- (10) *Collection description:* Under Section 2(d) of the RRA, monthly survivor annuities are payable to surviving widow(er)s, parents, unmarried children, and in certain cases, divorced wives (husbands), mother (fathers), remarried widow(er)s and grandchildren or deceased railroad employees. The collection obtains information needed by the Railroad