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**[Notice 96–126]**

## Notice of Prospective Patent License

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of prospective patent license.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that SpaceTec, Inc., of Hampton, VA 23666, has applied for a partially exclusive license to practice the invention disclosed in NASA Case No. LAR–15511–1, entitled ''MIR Environmental Effects Payload Handrail Clam/Pointer Device,'' for which a U.S. Patent Application was filed by the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Langley Research Center.

**DATE:** Responses to this notice must be received by December 16, 1996.

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**[Notice 96–123]**

## Notice of Prospective Patent License

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of prospective patent license.

**SUMMARY:** NASA hereby gives notice that Tennessee Valley Performance Products, Inc., of Dayton, TN 37321, has applied for a partially exclusive license to practice the inventions described and claimed in NASA Case No. LAR–15205–1–CU, entitled ''Tough, Soluble Aromatic, Thermoplastic Copolyimides''; and NASA Case No. LAR–15205–2, entitled ''Process for Preparing Tough, Soluble, Thermoplastic Copolyimides''; which are all assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Langley Research Center.

**DATE:** Responses to this notice must be received by December 16, 1996.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

**[Docket Nos. 50–295 and 50–304]**

## Commonwealth Edison Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–39 and DPR–48 issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) for operation of the Zion Nuclear Power Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Lake County, Illinois.

The proposed amendments would add a mode of applicability to specification 3.2.3.D, Rod Position Indicator Channels.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendments requested involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendments would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

1. The proposed changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of occurrences of any accident previously evaluated.

The proposed requirements for the Rod Position Indicator Channels being applicable in MODE 1 and MODE 2 are acceptable in that these are the only MODES in which power peaking factors are a concern, and the OPERABILITY of the Rod Position Indicator Channels has the potential to affect the safety of the plant. Control rod alignment limits ensure that power distribution and reactivity limits defined by the design power peaking and shutdown margin limits are preserved. In addition, the Rod Position Indicator Channels are not a precursor to any analyzed accident sequence.

The proposed Required Actions are similar to current Required Actions when the unit is in MODE 1 and MODE 2. In addition, since there is no safety significance for inoperable Rod Position Indicator Channels for shutdown modes, the proposed Required Actions provide appropriate compensatory actions with the unit in MODE 1 and MODE 2. Therefore, the initial conditions and system function assumed in the UFSAR have not changed. As such, the requirement to have OPERABLE control rod position indication for verification of control rod alignment limitations when the reactor is in MODE 1 and MODE 2 does not affect any UFSAR accident analysis.

Therefore, this change does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequence of an accident previously evaluated.

2. The proposed changes do not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The proposed changes do not require a physical alteration of the plant (no new or different equipment will be installed to implement this change.) Control rod alignment limits ensure that power distribution and reactivity limits defined by the design power peaking and shutdown margin limits are preserved. The Technical Specifications will require OPERABLE Rod Position Indicator Channels in MODE 1 and MODE 2 when control rod alignment and insertion limits are required to maintain acceptable power distribution limits and shutdown margin.

3. The proposed changes do not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The requirement to have OPERABLE Rod Position Indicator Channels when required by associated control rod alignment and insertion limits has been clarified. The LCO will continue to require OPERABLE Rod Position Indicator Channels and an associated Required Action to be in a mode where the Rod Position Indicator Channels are not required. Therefore, this change does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.