

results in a safety factor of 1.8 on pressure. All other factors, including assumed flaw size and fracture toughness, remain the same. Although this methodology would reduce the safety factor on pressure, it was demonstrated in the Bases of ASME Code Case N-514 that due to the isothermal nature of LTOP events, the margins with respect to toughness for LTOP transients is within the range provided by ASME, Section XI, Appendix G, for normal heatup and cooldown in the low temperature range. Thus, applying Code Case N-514 will satisfy the underlying purpose of 10 CFR 50.60 for fracture toughness requirements. Further, by relieving the operational restrictions, the potential for undesirable lifting of the PORV would be reduced, thereby improving plant safety.

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents 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 action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does involve 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 Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on November 29, 1996, the staff consulted with the Wisconsin State official, Ms. Sarah Jenkins, of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, 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 letters dated July 1 and November 18, 1996, 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 Joseph P. Mann Library, 1516 Sixteenth Street, Two Rivers, Wisconsin 54241.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of December 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
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All Users of VSC-24 Dry Storage Casks; Receipt of Petition for Director's Decision Under 10 CFR 2.206

Notice is hereby given that by a Petition filed pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 on September 30, 1996, Citizens' Utility Board (Petitioner) requested that the NRC (1) order Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) to retain 24 empty and available spaces in the Point Beach Nuclear Plant spent fuel pool to accommodate retrieval of spent fuel from a VSC-24 cask until such time as WEPCO has other options available to remove spent fuel from the cask and (2) prohibit loading of any VSC-24 casks until the certificate of compliance, the safety analysis report, and the safety evaluation report are amended to contain operating controls and limits to prevent hazardous conditions. As part of the first request, the Petitioner asked that the NRC take immediate action to

issue an order preventing offloading during the refueling outage which was scheduled to begin October 6, 1996.

The Petition has been referred to the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation (NRR). By letters dated October 11, 1996, and December 10, 1996, the Director of NRR denied the Petitioner's request for immediate action. As provided by 10 CFR 2.206, further action will be taken within a reasonable time.

A copy of the Petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room at 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of December 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Frank J. Miraglia,
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Regulation.*
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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Review of a New Information Collection; Standard Form 2817

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of a new information collection. SF 2817, Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Election, is used to enroll or change elections under the Federal Employee's Group Life Insurance Program. This form is proposed for clearance because Federal employees and retirees can now assign (give up ownership of) their insurance coverage. Assignees may now use the SF 2817 to make election changes to decrease the employee's or retiree's coverage. Since assignees are members of the public, OMB clearance is now required for this form. We are clearing this form for assignees only.

We estimate 100 forms are completed annually by assignees. Each form takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. The annual estimated burden is 25 hours.

For copies of this proposal, contact Jim Farron on (202) 418-3208, or E-mail to jmfarron@mail.opm.gov