

use of appropriate automated, electrical, mechanical or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

Title of Collection: Survey of Earned Doctorates.

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3508(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Science Foundation (NSF) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects. Such a notice was published at 62 FR 2691, dated January 17, 1997. No comments were received.

The materials are now being sent to OMB for review. Send any written comments to Desk Office, OMB, 3145-033, OIRA, OMB, Washington, D.C. 20503. OMB should receive comments within 30 days after the date of this notice.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility, (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated data collection techniques and other forms of information.

Proposed Project: The Survey of Earned Doctorates has been conducted continuously since 1958 and is jointly sponsored by five Federal agencies in order to avoid duplication. It is an accurate, timely source of information on our Nation's most precious resource—highly educated individuals.

Data is obtained from each person earning a research doctorate on their

field of specialty, educational background, sources of support in graduate school, postgraduation plans for employment, and demographic characteristics. The information is used extensively by the Federal government, universities and others. The National Science Foundation, as the lead agency, publishes statistics from the survey in the annual publication series Selected Data on Science and Engineering Doctorates (available in print and electronically on the World Wide Web). The National Academy of Sciences also disseminates a free report entitled Summary Report: Doctorate Recipients from U.S. Universities.

We anticipate a response rate of 95% and expect a total of 42,750 (45,000x.95) respondents who earned a research doctorate. We estimate the average burden per respondent to be 20 minutes and the entire information burden for the respondents to be 14,250 hours.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-341]

Detroit Edison Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-43, issued to Detroit Edison Company (the licensee), for operation of the Fermi 2 facility located in Monroe County, Michigan.

The proposed amendment would revise the technical specifications to allow elimination of response time testing requirements for selected instrument loops in the reactor protection system, isolation system, and emergency core cooling system based on the BWR Owners' Group Topical Report NEDO-32291A, "System Analyses for Elimination of Selected Response Time Testing Requirements," October 1995. Specifically, the response time testing requirements proposed to be eliminated are:

(1) Reactor protection system instrumentation—Sensors for reactor vessel steam dome pressure-high and reactor vessel low water level—Level 3.

(2) Isolation actuation system instrumentation—Sensors for reactor vessel low water level—Level 1 and main steam line flow-high, and;

(3) Emergency core cooling system actuation instrumentation.

The March 27, 1997, application requested that this amendment be processed on an exigent basis. The need for exigent processing exists in that failure of the Commission to act in a timely manner would result in the delaying of resumption of operation of Fermi 2. The licensee was unable to make a more timely application because the licensee only recently discovered that the existing technical specifications require response time testing prior to restarting the unit. The NRC has determined that the licensee used its best efforts to make a timely application for the proposed changes and that exigent circumstances do exist and were not the result of any intentional delay on the part of the licensee.

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.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) for amendments to be granted under exigent circumstances, the NRC staff must determine that the amendment request involves 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 amendment 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 changes do not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The purpose of the proposed Technical Specification changes is to eliminate response time testing requirements for selected instrument loops in the Reactor Protection System, Isolation System, and Emergency Core Cooling System. However, because of the continued application of other Technical Specification testing requirements such as channel calibrations, channel checks, channel functional tests, and logic system functional tests, the response time of these systems will be maintained within the acceptance limits assumed in plant safety analyses and required for successful