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9. General Comments

Anyone interested in submitting written comments to the Board of Directors on any agenda item should send them to the BECC 15 days prior to the public meeting. Anyone interested in making a brief statement to the Board may do so during the public meeting.

Dated: May 9, 1997.

M.R. Ybarra,

Secretary, U.S. IBWC.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Meeting

The National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC).

Date and Time: Tuesday, June 3, 1997, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, Room 375, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed. The meeting is closed to the public because future fiscal year budget and program issues will be discussed.

Contact Person: Charles E. Myers, Office of Polar Programs, Room 755, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: (703) 306-1029.

Purpose of Committee: The Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee was established by Public Law 98-373, the Arctic Research and Policy Act, to help set priorities for future arctic research, assist in the development of a national arctic research policy, prepare a multi-agency budget and Plan for arctic research, and simplify coordination of arctic research.

Proposed Meeting Agenda Items

1. U.S. Arctic Policy
2. IARPC Program Initiatives
3. Implementation of Program Initiatives
4. Approval of Biennial Revision to U.S. Arctic Research Plan

Charles E. Myers,

Head, Arctic Interagency Staff, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-247]

Consolidated Edison Company of New York; 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. 26 issued to Consolidated Edison Company of New York (the licensee) for operation of the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 2 located in Westchester County, New York. The proposed amendment would remove containment isolation valve 863 from Technical Specification Table 3.6-1, "Non-Automatic Containment Isolation Valves Open Continuously Or Intermittently for Plant Operation." Removal of the valve from the table would allow a modification to change the valve to an automatically closing valve upon the receipt of a Phase A Containment Isolation Signal.

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 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) Does the proposed license amendment involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: There are no new failure modes introduced by the proposed modification. Normal operation of Valve 863 is not altered by this modification. This modification provides for automatic closure of Valve 863 during a design basis event, rather than relying on manual action. The EOPs [emergency operating procedures] provide for

verification of automatic closure of containment isolation valves and for manual closure of any automatic containment isolation valves that fail to close during a design basis event. Neither the probability nor the consequences of an accident previously analyzed is increased due to the proposed changes.

(2) Does the proposed license amendment create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any previously evaluated?

Response: The capability to open Valve 863 during an Appendix R event is maintained. Contacts from existing relays will be used to provide the containment isolation and reset signal for Valve 863. This signal will be used to de-energize the existing SOV-863. No new electrical loads are added. Equipment associated with this modification will be seismically installed. Therefore, the proposed changes do not create an accident or malfunction of safety equipment of a different type.

(3) Does the proposed amendment involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety?

Response: This modification will provide a signal that will close Valve 863 on Phase A Containment Isolation and reset capability for this valve that is consistent with other automatic containment isolation valves. This is an enhancement to the system which already meets the requirements of GDC [General Design Criteria] 57. The capability to open Valve 863 during an Appendix R event is maintained. Therefore, the proposed amendment does not involve a significant reduction in the margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice