

AFW system. The Basis for TS 3.4.b, "Auxiliary Feedwater System," has been revised to reflect the change in AFW flow and to clarify the requirements for the AFW cross-connect valves.

Date of issuance: June 7, 1997.

Effective date: June 7, 1997.

Amendment No.: 133.

Facility Operating License No. DPR-43: Amendment revised the Technical Specifications.

Date of initial notice in Federal Register: May 7, 1997 (62 FR 24977).

The May 19, 1997, submittal provided clarifying information that did not change the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination. The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated June 7, 1997.

No significant hazards consideration comments received: No.

Local Public Document Room

location: University of Wisconsin, Cofrin Library, 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54311-7001.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of June, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Jack W. Roe,

Director, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-160]

Georgia Institute of Technology Research Reactor; Closing of Local Public Document Room

Notice is hereby given that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is closing the local public document room (LPDR) for records pertaining to the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) Research Reactor located at the Decatur Library, Decatur, Georgia, effective July 3, 1997.

This LPDR was established in April 1996 during the NRC's review of Georgia Tech's license renewal application. There is no longer a need for the LPDR since License R-97 was renewed for a 20-year term on May 30, 1997.

Dated at Rockville, Md., this 26th day of June 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Russell A Powell,

Chief, Freedom of Information/Local Public Document Room Branch, Office of Information Resources Management.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Categorizing and Transporting Low Specific Activity Materials and Surface Contaminated Objects: Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Department of Transportation have jointly prepared a draft report (designated NUREG-1608 and RSPA Advisory Guidance 97-005) entitled "Categorizing and Transporting Low Specific Activity Materials and Surface Contaminated Objects." NRC is issuing the draft report for review and comment.

The primary purpose of this draft guidance is to assist shippers in preparing low specific activity materials (LSA) and surface contaminated objects (SCOs) for shipment in compliance with Federal regulations. The draft guidance is provided in question and answer format on the classification, characterization, packaging and transportation of LSA and SCOs, including the definition of LSA and SCOs, the determination of distribution on of activity in LSA material or on SCO surfaces, mixing LSA and SCOs in a package, radiation level measurements, and various other aspects of transporting LSA and SCOs.

NRC is particularly interested in comment regarding the use of its "Final Branch Technical Position on Concentration Averaging and Encapsulation," January 17, 1995, in the draft guidance (see Questions 4.2.4, 5.1.4, and 5.2.3). Also, NRC is interested in comment on the utility to shippers of Appendix A.

Draft NUREG-1608 is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW. (Lower Level), Washington DC 20555-0001. A free single copy of Draft NUREG-1608, to the extent of the supply, may be requested by writing to Distribution Services, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Submit comments on draft NUREG-1608 by (90 days after publication date). Mail comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Mail Stop T-6 D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments may be hand-delivered to

11545 Rockville Pike, Maryland between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays.

Comments may also be submitted electronically, in either ASCII text or WordPerfect format (version 5.1 or later), by calling the NRC Electronic Bulletin Board on FEDWORLD. The bulletin board may be accessed using a personal computer, a modem, and one of the commonly available communications software packages, or directly via Internet.

If using a personal computer and modem, the NRC subsystem on FEDWORLD can be accessed directly by dialing the toll free number: 1-800-303-9672. Communication software parameters should be set as follows: parity to none, data bits to 8, and stop bits to 1 (N,8,1). Using ANSI terminal emulation, the NRC NUREG and Reg Guide Comments subsystem can then be accessed by selecting the "NRC Rules Menu" option from the "NRC Main Menu." For further information about options available for NRC at FEDWORLD consult the "Help/Information Center" from the "NRC Main Menu." Users will find the "FEDWORLD Online User's Guides" particularly helpful. Many NRC subsystems and databases also have a "Help/Information Center" option that is tailored to the particular subsystem.

The NRC subsystem on FEDWORLD can also be accessed by a direct dial phone number for the main FEDWORLD BBS: 703-321-3339; Telnet via Internet: fedworld.gov (192.239.92.3); File Transfer Protocol (FTP) via Internet: ftp.fedworld.gov (192.239.92.205); and World Wide Web using: http://www.fedworld.gov (this is the Uniform Resource Locator (URL)).

If using a method other than the toll free number to contact FEDWORLD, the NRC subsystem will be accessed from the main FEDWORLD menu by selecting the "Regulatory, Government Administration and State Systems," then selecting "Regulatory Information Mall." At that point, a menu will be displayed that has an option "U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission" that will take you to the NRC Online main menu. The NRC Online area can also be accessed directly by typing "/go nrc" at a FEDWORLD command line. If you access NRC from FEDWORLD's main menu, you may return to FEDWORLD by selecting the "Return to FEDWORLD" option from the NRC Online Main Menu. However, if you access NRC at FEDWORLD by using NRC's toll-free number, you will have full access to all NRC systems but you will not have access to the main FEDWORLD system.

If you contact FEDWORLD using Telnet, you will see the NRC area and menus, including the Rules menu. Although you will be able to download documents and leave messages, you will not be able to write comments or upload files (comments). If you contact FEDWORLD using FTP, all files can be accessed and downloaded but uploads are not allowed; all you will see is a list of files without descriptions (normal Gopher look). An index file listing all files within a subdirectory, with descriptions, is included. There is a 15-minute time limit for FTP access.

Although FEDWORLD can be accessed through the World Wide Web, like FTP that mode provides access for downloading files and does not display the NRC Rules Menu. For more information on NRC bulletin boards call Mr. Arthur Davis, Systems Integration and Development Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-5780; e-mail AXD3@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of June, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Susan F. Shankman,

Chief, Transportation Inspection and Safety Branch, Spent Fuel Project Office, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee; Cancellation of Open Committee Meeting

According to the provisions of section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee scheduled for Thursday, July 3, 1997, has been canceled.

Information on other meetings can be obtained by contacting the Committee's Secretary, Office of Personnel Management, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee, Room 5559, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20415, (202) 606-1500.

Dated: June 25, 1997.

Phyllis G. Foley,

Chair, Federal Prevailing Rate Advisory Committee.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

National Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., July 9, 1997.

PLACE: Grand Lounge and Lower Lounge, William Pitt Union Building, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15260.

STATUS: This meeting will be open to the public. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals with special access needs wishing to attend should contact OPM at the number shown below to obtain appropriate accommodations.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Professor Marick Masters, a faculty member of the University of Pittsburgh's Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business, and Professor Bob Albright of the Coast Guard Academy, will brief the National Partnership Council (Council) on the preliminary findings of the Council's 1997 survey to assess the labor-management relations climate and the effect of partnership in the federal sector. The Project Team for the Council's Partnership Facilitation Project, which involves outreach to partnerships facing challenges, will present an update on its activities since the Council's June 11, 1997 meeting. Potential candidates for participation in the Partnership Facilitation Project will be presented to the Council, together with a number of options for the Council's consideration and action.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Michael Cushing, Director, Center for Partnership and Labor-Management Relations, Office of Personnel Management, Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 7H28, Washington, DC 20415-0001, (202) 606-2930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We invite interested persons and organizations to submit written comments. Mail or deliver your comments to Michael Cushing at the address shown above.

Office of Personnel Management.

James B. King,

Director.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-38769; File No. SR-MBSCC-97-02]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; MBS Clearing Corporation; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change Relating to the Valuation of Securities Deposited as Collateral in the Participants Funds to Satisfy Daily Margin Requirements

June 24, 1997.

On February 12, 1997, MBS Clearing Corporation ("MBSCC") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") a proposed rule change (File No. SR-MBSCC-97-02) pursuant to Section 19(b) (1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act").¹ On March 26, 1997, MBSCC filed an amendment to the proposed rule change.² Notice of the proposal was published in the **Federal Register** on April 28, 1997.³ No comment letters were received. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is approving the proposed rule change.

I. Description

MBSCC's rules allow participants to satisfy their margin requirements by depositing approved forms of collateral such as cash, securities,⁴ and letters of credit into the participants fund. Recently, securities have become the dominant form of acceptable collateral used by participants to satisfy their margin requirements. As a result of this increased use of securities, MBSCC reappraised the value given to securities deposited as collateral for participants funds obligations.

Currently, MBSCC values mortgage-backed securities at the lesser of par or current market value, and it values Treasury securities at current market value. MBSCC revalues both types of securities daily and analyzes them for pending maturity.

Under the proposal, MBSCC will value mortgage-backed securities with a remaining maturity of one year or more at the lesser of par or 95 percent of the current market value and Treasury securities with a remaining maturity of one year or more at 95 percent of their

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b) (1).

² Letter form Richard J. Paley, MBSCC (March 25, 1997).

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 38536 (April 22, 1997), 62 FR 22983.

⁴ Securities acceptable as collateral include direct obligations of the United States (*i.e.*, Treasury Bills, Treasury Notes, and Treasury Bonds ("Treasury securities") and mortgage-backed securities issued by the Government National Mortgage Association, the Federal National Mortgage Association, and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation.