

Type of Proposal: NSF Collaborative for Excellence in Teacher Preparation Program.

Type of Meetings: Closed.

Purpose of Meetings: to provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the Division of Undergraduate Education as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

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Committee Management Office.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* Proposed Rule, 10 CFR part 50, Financial Assurance Requirements for Decommissioning Nuclear Power Reactors.

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often is the collection required:* The initial report is to be submitted within 9 months after the effective date of this rule, and then at least once every 2 years. Any licensee that is within 5 years of the projected end of operation would be required to report annually.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Part 50 licensees.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* About 100 responses within 9 months of the rule's effective date, then 100 responses every 2 years, or an average of 50 per year.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* About 100 the first year, then approximately 50 licensees per year.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 800 the first year and 400 each year thereafter (8 hours per respondent).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Applicable.

10. *Abstract:* Potential deregulation of the power generating industry has created uncertainty with respect to whether current NRC regulations concerning decommissioning funds and the financial mechanisms will require a modification to account for utility reorganizations not contemplated when current financial assurance requirements were promulgated. Therefore, the NRC is proposing to require power reactor licensees to periodically report on the status of their decommissioning funds. This mandatory requirement will ensure that sufficient funds will be set aside for decommissioning.

The NRC is planning to issue a Regulatory Guide relative to this proposed rule in which the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) draft standard No. 158-B, "Accounting for Certain Liabilities Related to Closure or Removal of Long-Lived Assets," will be endorsed for the reporting requirements of the proposed rule.

Submit, by October 14, 1997, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, (lower level), Washington, DC. The proposed rule indicated in "The title of the information collection" is or has been published in the **Federal Register** within several days of the publication date of this **Federal Register** Notice. Instructions for accessing the electronic OMB clearance package for the rulemaking have been appended to the electronic rulemaking. Members of the public may access the OMB clearance package by following the directions for

electronic access provided in the preamble to the titled rulemaking.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by October 14, 1997: Norma Gonzales, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0011), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, (301) 415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of September, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-390]

Tennessee Valley Authority Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, UNIT 1; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-90, issued to Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), for operation of the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 (WBN), located in Rhea County, Tennessee.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

TVA has requested a change to the current WBN Technical Specifications (TSs) to provide for insertion of four lead test assemblies (LTAs) containing 32 tritium producing burnable absorber rods (TPBARs) into the WBN reactor during Fuel Cycle 2. After a single cycle of operation the TPBARs will be removed from the reactor and stored in the spent fuel pool. Then the TPBARs will be placed in shipping casks and transported off-site under Department of Energy (DOE) control.

The Need for the Proposed Action

As discussed in the NRC staff report, NUREG-1607, "Safety Evaluation Report related to the Department of Energy's proposal for the irradiation of lead test assemblies containing tritium-producing burnable absorber rods in commercial light-water reactors," May 1997, DOE is responsible for establishing the capability to produce