

enactment and every six months thereafter relating to the development of procurement regulations.

Accordingly, OFPP has prepared this report, which is designed to satisfy all aspects of subsections 25(g) (1) and (2) of the OFPP Act, and includes information on the status of each regulation; a description of those regulations required by statute; a description of the methods by which public comment was sought; regulations, policies, procedures, and forms under review by the OFPP; whether the regulations have paperwork requirements; the progress made in promulgating and implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulation; and such other matters as the Administrator determines to be useful.

ADDRESSES: Those persons interested in obtaining a copy of the Procurement Regulatory Activity Report may contact the Executive Office of the President Publications Service, Room 2200, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503, or call 202-395-7332.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For additional information write the Office of Federal Procurement Policy, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503 or call 202-395-6803.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD

Public Hearing on Trans World Airlines (TWA) Flight 800 Accident

In connection with its investigation of the accident involving Trans World Airlines (TWA) flight 800, a Boeing 747-100, N93119, in the Atlantic Ocean near East Moriches, NY, July 17, 1996, the National Transportation Safety Board will convene a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, December 8, 1997, at the Baltimore Convention Center, Halls A and B, One West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD. For more information, contact Shelly Hazle, Office of Public Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20594, telephone (202) 314-6100.

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Ray Smith,
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-302]

Florida Power Corporation; Crystal River Nuclear Generating Plant Unit 3, Exemption

I.

Florida Power Corporation (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. DPR-72, which authorizes operation of the Crystal River Nuclear Generating Plant Unit 3 (CR3). The license provides, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

The facility is of a pressurized water reactor type and is located in Citrus County, Florida.

II.

In its letter dated June 21, as supplemented November 22, 1996, the licensee requested an exemption from the Commission's regulations.

Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, part 50, Appendix A, "General Design Criteria for Nuclear Power Plants," Criterion 3, "Fire Protection," specifies that "Structures, systems, and components important to safety shall be designed and located to minimize, consistent with other safety requirements, the probability and effect of fires and explosions." 10 CFR part 50, Appendix R sets forth the fire protection features required to satisfy the general design Criterion 3 of the Commission's regulations. Pursuant to 10 CFR part 50, Appendix R, Section III, Paragraph G, design features shall be established that are capable of limiting fire damage so that one train of systems necessary to achieve and maintain hot shutdown conditions is free of fire damage. Specifically, 10 CFR part 50, Appendix R, Paragraph III.G.2.c requires (if Paragraphs III.G.2.a or b are not applicable) enclosure of cable and equipment and associated non-safety circuits of one redundant train in a fire barrier having a 1-hour rating; in addition, fire detectors and an automatic fire suppression system shall be installed in the fire area.

The current CR3 design includes Thermo-Lag fire barriers which do not provide the level of fire resistance required by NRC regulations. As part of its program for resolving Thermo-Lag issues, the licensee has determined that the Thermo-Lag material used as a fire barrier for the protection of certain safe shutdown cables located in certain elevations of the auxiliary and intermediate buildings does not qualify

as 1-hour fire rated barriers. In lieu of upgrading the existing Thermo-Lag fire barriers to satisfy the 1-hour fire rating requirement, the licensee proposes to implement an enhanced automatic fire suppression system coverage for these specific fire zones. The licensee indicates that its proposed enhanced automatic fire suppression system coverage coupled with the existing Thermo-Lag barriers and other defense-in-depth features will ensure that one train of equipment necessary to achieve hot shutdown remains free of fire damage. An exemption from 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix R, Section III, Paragraph G.2.c., is required to allow the use of the existing Thermo-Lag material that has less than a 1-hour fire rating, for the specific cables and equipment located in certain elevations of the auxiliary and intermediate buildings. By letter dated June 21, as supplemented November 22, 1996, the licensee submitted the exemption request.

This exemption does not address the licensee's request relating to the requirements for battery powered lighting in areas for the operation of safe shutdown equipment.

III.

Discussion

The exemption request is for the following fire zones: auxiliary building fire area AB-95-3B and G, AB-119-6A (elevations 95 and 119) and the intermediate building fire area IB-119-201A (elevation 119). Automatic sprinkler protection and automatic fire detection designed and installed in accordance with the applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) codes and standards are provided in these fire zones. The licensee, in its response to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff's request for additional information (RAI) dated September 24, 1996, identified no significant deviations from the applicable NFPA codes and standards that would adversely affect system performance. The licensee has proposed upgrading the existing automatic sprinkler protection in each of these zones to compensate for the existing Thermo-Lag fire barriers. The licensee has determined that the existing Thermo-Lag fire barriers, coupled with the enhanced sprinkler protection and administrative controls, provide an adequate level of fire protection. The staff's evaluation of the licensee's exemption request is discussed below.