

3. The resolution of any new Thermo-Lag corrective actions resulting from the pilot fire protection functional inspection (FPFI) conducted at St. Lucie during March 1998 are not considered part of this confirming order since FPL has neither received nor responded to the inspection report. Such issues and any corrective actions will be scheduled and resolved as part of that inspection.

The Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, may relax or rescind, in writing, any provisions of this Confirmatory Order upon a showing by the Licensee of good cause.

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Any person adversely affected by this Confirmatory Order, other than the Licensee, may request a hearing within 20 days of its issuance. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for extension of time must be made in writing to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and include a statement of good cause for the extension. Any request for a hearing will be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of the hearing request shall also be sent to the Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, to the Deputy Assistant General Council for Enforcement at the same address, to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region II, Atlanta Federal Center, M/S 23T85, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, GA 30303-3415, and to the Licensee. If such a person requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which his or her interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.714(d).

If a hearing is requested by a person whose interest is adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any such hearing. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be whether this Confirmatory Order should be sustained.

In the absence of any request for hearing, or written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing, the provisions specified in Section IV above shall be final 20 days from the date of this Order without further order or proceedings. If an extension of time for requesting a hearing has been approved, the provisions specified in Section IV shall be final when the extension expires if a

hearing request has not been received. An answer or a request for hearing shall not stay the immediate effectiveness of this Order.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of July, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Frank J. Miraglia,
Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Indiana Michigan Power Company; Notice of Informal 10 CFR 2.206 Public Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will hold an informal public hearing regarding a petition submitted pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 involving Donald C. Cook, Units 1 and 2 of the Indiana Michigan Power Company (the licensee). The hearing will be held on August 19, 1998. The location of the hearing will be at the NRC, rooms T-09A1-T-09F5. The NRC is located at 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The hearing will be open to public attendance and will be transcribed.

The structure of the hearing shall be as follows:

Wednesday, August 19, 1998:

- 9:00 a.m.—NRC opening remarks
- 9:15 a.m.—Petitioner's presentation
- 10:00 a.m.—NRC questions
- 10:15 a.m.—Licensee's presentation
- 11:00 a.m.—NRC questions
- 11:15 a.m.—Public Comments
- 11:45 a.m.—Licensee/Petitioner's final statements
- 12:00 noon—Meeting concludes

By letter dated October 9, 1997, the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS or Petitioner) submitted a Petition pursuant to 10 CFR 2.206 requesting that the operating licenses for Donald C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2, be modified, revoked, or suspended until there is reasonable assurance that plant systems are in conformance with design-and licensing-bases requirements. In addition, the Petitioner requested that a public hearing into the matter be held in the Washington, D.C., area before the first unit at D.C. Cook is authorized to restart. By letter dated January 12, 1998, UCS submitted an Addendum to the original Petition presenting additional information on six other concerns at the D.C. Cook plant.

The purpose of this informal public hearing is to obtain additional

information from the Petitioner, the licensee, and the public for NRC staff use in evaluating the Petition. Therefore, this informal public hearing will be limited to information relevant to issues raised in the Petition and its Addendum. The staff will not offer any preliminary views on its evaluation of the Petition. The informal public hearing will be chaired by a senior NRC official who will limit presentations to the above subject.

The format of the informal public hearing will be as follows: opening remarks by the NRC regarding the general 10 CFR 2.206 process, the purpose of the informal public hearing, and a brief summary of the Petition and its Addendum (15 minutes); time for the Petitioner to articulate the basis of the Petition (45 minutes); time for the NRC to ask the Petitioner questions for purposes of clarification (15 minutes); time for the licensee to address the issues raised in the Petition (45 minutes); time for the NRC to ask the licensee questions for purposes of clarification (15 minutes); time for public comments relative to the Petition (30 minutes); and time for licensee and Petitioner's final statements (15 minutes).

Members of the public who are interested in presenting information relative to the Petition should notify the NRC official named below, 5 working days prior to the hearing. A brief summary of the information to be presented and the time requested should be provided in order to make appropriate arrangements. Time allotted for presentations by members of the public will be determined based upon the number of requests received and will be announced at the beginning of the hearing. The order for public presentations will be on a first received first to speak basis. Written statements will also be accepted and included in the record of the hearing. Written statements should be mailed to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Mailstop O-13E21, Attn: John Stang, Washington, DC 20555.

Requests for the opportunity to present information can be made by contacting John Stang, Project Manager, Division of Reactor Projects-III/IV (telephone 301-415-1345) between 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (EDT), Monday-Friday. Persons planning to attend this informal public hearing are urged to contact the above 1 or 2 days prior to the informal public hearing to be advised of any changes that may have occurred.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of July, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Elinor G. Adensam,
*Acting Director, Division of Reactor Projects—
 III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-259, 50-260 and 50-296]

Tennessee Valley Authority; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has issued Amendment Nos. 234, 253 and 212 to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-33, DPR-52 and DPR-68 issued to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA or the licensee) for operation of the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant (BFN), Units 1, 2 and 3, respectively, located in Limestone County, Alabama.

The amendments implement a full conversion from the current Technical Specifications (TS) to a set of TS based on NUREG-1433, Revision 1, "Standard Technical Specifications for General Electric Plants, BWR/4," dated April 1995. The application for the amendments complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR Chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendments.

Notices of consideration of Issuance of Amendments to facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing in connection with this action were published in the **Federal Register** on October 23, 1996 (61 FR 55026), June 1, 1998 (63 FR 29763) and June 12, 1998 (63 FR 32252). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following these notices.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental assessment to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendments will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment (63 FR 34944).

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendments dated September 6, 1996, as supplemented May 1, August 14, November 5 and 14, December 3, 4, 11, 22, 23, 29 and 30, 1997, January 23,

March 12, April 16, 20 and 28, and May 7, 14, 19 and 27, and June 2, 5, 10 and 19, 1998, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC and at the local public document room located at the Athens Public Library, 405 E. South Street, Athens, Alabama.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of July, 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
Frederick J. Hebdon,
*Project Director, Project Directorate II-3,
 Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of
 Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

A Nonparametric Statistical Methodology for the Design and Analysis of Final Status Decommissioning Surveys: Interim Draft for Comment and Use

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is announcing the availability for use of NUREG-1505, "A Nonparametric Statistical Methodology for the Design and Analysis of Final Status Decommissioning Surveys, Interim Draft for Comment and Use." NUREG-1505 provides the statistical basis for Multi-Agency Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Manual's (MARSSIM) information on planning, conducting, and evaluating environmental radiological surveys of surface soils and building surfaces for demonstrating compliance with regulations. NUREG-1505 now incorporates public and NRC staff comments received since its initial publication in August 1995 and MARSSIM's publication in December 1996. The NRC reviewed public comments received on the draft NUREG as well as comments received as a result of a concurrent, independent, technical peer review. Suggested changes were incorporated, where appropriate, in response to those comments.

DATES: The comment period ends December 31, 1998. Comments received after this date will be considered if practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for those comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch,

Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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

Comments may also be submitted through the Internet by addressing electronic mail to DLM1@NRC.GOV.

Those considering public comment may request a free single copy of NUREG-1505, while supplies last, by contacting the Office of the chief Information Officer, Reproduction and Distribution Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; or send a facsimile to 301-415-2289 or e-mail to GRW1@nrc.gov. A copy is also available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington DC 20555-0001. All others may purchase this report by writing to: The Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20402-9328.

The manual is also available through the Internet by linkage from the NRC home page at: <http://www.nrc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning technical information in the NUREG should be addressed to George E. Powers, Phone: (301) 415-6212, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, MS T-9C24, Washington DC 20555, e-mail gep@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NUREG provides additional information not contained in MARSSIM on planning, conducting and evaluating environmental radiological surveys of soil surfaces and building surfaces for demonstrating compliance with regulations. The MARSSIM, now finalized, is a multi-agency consensus document.

NUREG-1505 provides the technical basis for MARSSIM's objective to describe standardized and consistent approaches for surveys of soil surfaces and building surfaces, which provide a high degree of assurance that established release criteria, limits, guidelines, and conditions of the regulatory agencies are satisfied, while at the same time encouraging an effective use of resources. The techniques, methodologies, and philosophies that form the bases of this manual were developed to be consistent with current Federal limits, guidelines, and procedures.

The agency is soliciting comments arising from review and use of the NUREG in conjunction with MARSSIM.