

(FSARs) for Plant Hatch. The doses from airborne effluents are calculated to be increased from the calculated values in the FSARs by about 2.4 percent for the total body and 7.3 percent for the child's thyroid but the relevant dose criteria will be met. The staff concludes that the estimated doses from both the liquid and gaseous release pathways resulting from extended power uprate conditions are well within the design objectives specified in 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix I, and the limits of 10 CFR Part 20.

Accident Consideration

The staff has reviewed the licensee's analyses and has performed confirmatory calculations to verify the acceptability of the licensee's calculated doses under accident conditions. The staff concludes that the proposed extended power uprate will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents and will not result in a significant increase in the radiological environmental impact of Plant Hatch under accident conditions. The results of the staff's calculations will be presented in the safety evaluation to be issued with the license amendment.

Fuel Cycle and Transportation Impacts

Extended power uprate is expected to involve an increase in the bundle average enrichment of the fuel. The environmental impacts of the fuel cycle and of transportation of fuel and wastes are described in Tables S-3 and S-4 of 10 CFR 51.51 and 10 CFR 51.52, respectively. An additional NRC assessment (53 FR 30355, dated August 11, 1988, as corrected by 53 FR 32322, dated August 24, 1988) evaluated the applicability of Tables S-3 and S-4 to higher burnup cycles and concluded that there is no significant change in environmental impact for fuel cycles with uranium enrichments up to 5 weight percent U-235 and burnups less than 60 GWd/MTU from the parameters evaluated in Tables S-3 and S-4. Because the fuel enrichment for the extended power uprate will not exceed 5 weight percent U-235 and the rod average discharge exposure will not exceed 60 GWd/MTU, the environmental impacts of the proposed extended power uprate will remain bounded by these conclusions and are not significant.

Summary

In summary, the proposed extended power uprate will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, will not introduce any new radiological release pathways, will not result in a significant increase in

occupational or public radiation exposure, and will not result in significant additional fuel cycle environmental impacts. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded that there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. However, as an alternative to the proposed action, the staff did consider denial of the proposed action. Denial of the proposed action would result in no change in the current environmental impacts of plant operation but would restrict operation to the currently licensed power level. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2.

Basis and Conclusions for Not Preparing an EIS

The staff has reviewed the proposed extended power uprate for the Edwin I. Hatch Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, relative to the requirements set forth in 10 CFR Part 51. Based on its environmental assessment, the staff concludes that there are no significant radiological or nonradiological impacts associated with the proposed action and that the proposed license amendment would not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, the Commission has determined, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.31, not to prepare an EIS for the proposed amendment but to prepare this draft environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated August 8, 1997, as supplemented by letters dated March 9, May 6, July 6, and July 31, 1998, and the information submitted by letter dated April 17, 1997, in advance of the licensee's application, all of 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 Appling County Public Library, 301 City Hall Drive, Baxley, Georgia.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 21st day of August 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David H. Jaffe,

*Acting Director, Project Directorate II-2,
Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of
Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia H. Paige, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR 213 on August 4, 1998 (63 FR 41605). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between July 1, 1998, and July 31, 1998, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established or revoked during July 1998.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during July 1998.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during July 1998:

Council on Environmental Quality

Staff Assistant to the Chair, Council on Economic Quality. Effective July 31, 1998.

Department of Agriculture

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Rural Housing Service. Effective July 2, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service. Effective July 7, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service. Effective July 14, 1998.

Staff Assistant to the Confidential Assistant, Office of the Secretary. Effective July 16, 1998.

Staff Assistant to the Administrator, Risk Management Agency. Effective July 16, 1998.

Staff Assistant to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective July 27, 1998.

Department of Commerce

Senior Policy Advisor to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning. Effective July 24, 1998.

Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Trade Development, International Trade Administration. Effective July 31, 1998.

Department of Education

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Regional Services. Effective July 9, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional and Community Services. Effective July 9, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Regional and Community Services. Effective July 14, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. Effective July 16, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. Effective July 17, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education. Effective July 24, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Director Scheduling and Briefing Staff. Effective July 27, 1998.

Confidential Assistant to the Deputy Secretary. Effective July 31, 1998.

Department of Energy

Senior Policy Advisor to the Secretary of Energy. Effective July 16, 1998.

Department of Health and Human Services

Special Assistant Community Outreach and Liaison to the Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Effective July 2, 1998.

Congressional Liaison Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Congressional Liaison). Effective July 15, 1998.

Congressional Liaison Specialist to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislation (Congressional Liaison). Effective July 15, 1998.

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Administration. Effective July 15, 1998.

Special Assistant (Speechwriter) to the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. Effective July 24, 1998.

Department of the Interior

Special Assistant (Speech Writer) to the Director, Office of Communications. Effective July 9, 1998.

Department of Justice

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective July 2, 1998.

Staff Assistant to the Attorney General. Effective July 31, 1998.

Department of Labor

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health. Effective July 15, 1998.

Chief of Staff to the Assistant Secretary for Policy. Effective July 24, 1998.

Department of State

Coordinator, Office of Business Affairs to the Under Secretary for Economic, Business and Agricultural Affairs. Effective July 28, 1998.

Department of Transportation

Senior Congressional Liaison Officer to the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs. Effective July 2, 1998.

Senior Intergovernmental Liaison Officer to the Director, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Effective July 16, 1998.

Associate Director for Speechwriting and Research to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director of Public Affairs. Effective July 31, 1998.

Department of the Treasury

Special Assistant for Scheduling to the Director, Scheduling and Advance. Effective July 2, 1998.

Department of Veterans Affairs

Special Assistant to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Effective July 24, 1998.

Environmental Protection Agency

Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Communications, Education and Media Relations. Effective July 2, 1998.

Special Assistant to the Associate Administrator for Communications, Education and Media Relations. Effective July 13, 1998.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Special Assistant for Northridge Transition to the Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Director. Effective July 31, 1998.

General Services Administration

Deputy Regional Administrator, Rocky Mountain Region (Denver, CO) to the Regional Administrator. Effective July 27, 1998.

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Executive Assistant to the Nasa Administrator. Effective July 24, 1998.

Legislative Affairs Specialist to the Associate Administrator for Legislative Affairs. Effective July 27, 1998.

National Endowment for the Humanities

Assistant Director of Government Affairs to the Director of Governmental Affairs. Effective July 7, 1998.

Director of Governmental Affairs to the Chief of Staff. Effective July 16, 1998.

Office of Management and Budget

Legislative Analyst to the Associate Director for Legislative Affairs. Effective July 7, 1998.

Public Affairs Specialist to the Associate Director for Communications. Effective July 7, 1998.

Legislative Assistant to the Associate Director, Legislative Affairs. Effective July 24, 1998.

Securities and Exchange Commission

Director of Legislative Affairs to the Chairman. Effective July 10, 1998.

Secretary to the General Counsel. Effective July 16, 1998.

Small Business Administration

Director of Community Empowerment and One Stop Capital Shops to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Entrepreneurial Development. Effective July 7, 1998.

Senior Advisor to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development. Effective July 10, 1998.

Associate Administrator for Field Operations to the Administrator. Effective July 10, 1998.

Senior Advisor to the Associate Deputy Administrator for Government Contracting and Minority Enterprise Development. Effective July 10, 1998.

Regional Administrator, Region VI, Dallas, TX to the Project Director for Field Operations. Effective July 16, 1998.

United States Information Agency

White House Liaison to the Chief of Staff, Office of the Director. Effective July 31, 1998.

Special Advisor to the Associate Director, Bureau of Information. Effective July 31, 1998.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 3301 and 3302; E.O. 10577, 3 CFR 1954-1958 Comp., P.218.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**The National Partnership Council**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., September 9, 1998.

PLACE: Alan K. Campbell Auditorium, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Theodore Roosevelt Building, 1900 E Street, NW., Washington, DC. The Campbell Auditorium is located on the ground floor.

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: This meeting will consist of an awards ceremony. The winners of the 1998 John N. Sturdivant National Partnership Award will be announced; and the winners will receive their awards. The John N. Sturdivant National Partnership Award is given in recognition of outstanding labor-management partnership activities.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rose M. Gwin, 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.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT**Privacy Act of 1974; Publication of a Proposed New Routine Use**

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice of a proposed new routine use.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to add a new routine use to an existing Central System of Records.

DATES: This proposed routine use will be effective without further notice October 6, 1998, unless comments received dictate otherwise.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Office of Personnel Management, Attn: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, Office of the Chief Information Officer, 1900 E Street NW, Room 5415, Washington, DC 20415-7900.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Beth Smith-Toomey, (202) 606-8358.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OPM finds that it is in the Government's interest to add a new routine use to OPM's Central System of Records, OPM/Central-1, Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records. This system of records is applicable to a number of OPM managed benefit programs, including the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program, the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FGLI) Program, and two of the Federal Government's retirement programs, the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) and the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS). This new routine use will allow OPM to release information from OPM/Central-1, Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records, where OPM has determined that the use of that information is compatible with proper disclosure and will directly benefit Federal employees, annuitants or their dependents, survivors, and beneficiaries. For example, OPM utilizes the services of contractors to send out annual income tax information to annuitants, to distribute to annuitants annual rate and benefit information regarding the FEHB Program, and to distribute open season and customer feedback information involving the FGLI Program. Moreover, in certain circumstances, a private organization may undertake a project that results in Federal employees, annuitants or their dependents, survivors and beneficiaries obtaining important and timely information that is beneficial to that audience. Such a situation was anticipated by Congress in October 1991

as part of the debate on the legislation that would include OPM's Fiscal Year 1992 appropriation. In the Conference Report accompanying H.R. 2622, the conferees directed OPM to seriously consider requests from certain private organizations for "blind mailings" in which OPM would facilitate these organizations getting information to Federal annuitants and employees without the organizations ever actually seeing the addresses of the proposed recipients. A contractor to the private organization would then require access to certain OPM information in order to make the blind mailing possible. Any release of such information must also comply with section 626 of the Treasury, Postal, and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1998, P.L. 105-61, and any such successor law. Section 626 provides that none of the funds appropriated by that Act or any other Act may be used to provide a Federal employee's home address to any labor organization except where the employee has authorized such disclosure or that disclosure has been ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. OPM shall exercise its discretion under the new routine use in accordance with section 626, or any such successor law.

The new routine use is added to the following Central System of Records: OPM/Central-1, Civil Service Retirement and Insurance Records.

For Non-Federal Personnel—To disclose information to private organizations, contractors, grantees, volunteers, or other non-Federal personnel performing or working on a project, contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or job for, to the benefit of, or consistent with the interests of the Federal Government when OPM has determined that the use of that information is compatible with proper disclosure and will benefit Federal employees, annuitants or their dependents, survivors, and beneficiaries.

Office of Personnel Management.

Janice R. Lachance,

Director.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review**

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted