

submission requesting that OMB clearance of this collection for no longer than 3 years.

**SEND COMMENTS TO:** Mary Lou Higgs, Acting Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 295, Arlington, Virginia 22230 or send email to mlhiggs@nsf.gov. Written comments should be received within 60 days of the date of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Higgs on (703) 306-1125 x 2010 or send email to mlhiggs@nsf.gov. You may also obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Higgs.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automatic collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*Proposed Project:* The 1998 Survey of Science and Engineering Research Facilities at Colleges and Universities conducted by NSF collected data on the status of academic science and engineering (S&E) research facilities. This proposed survey will build on that data collection methodology and assess the quantity, quality, and needs for instructional facilities in all academic fields at the nation's colleges and universities.

*Use of Information:* Currently there exists no nationwide inventory of postsecondary instructional facilities. The demand for college-level education is expected to rise sharply in the near future due to at least three factors:

1. Current enrollments are at alltime highs and not expected to decline soon;
2. An increasing number of students are nearing typical college age;
3. "Mature" (older) students continue to return to campus in growing numbers.

By establishing an inventory of postsecondary instructional facilities, Federal legislators and policymakers can better assess and plan for the future educational needs of the country.

*Burden on the Public:* The pre-test will include no more than nine colleges and universities, requiring approximately 1.5 hours each. The pilot test instrument will be sent to 150. We expect each to spend approximately 1.5 hours to 6 hours, for a total annual burden of 225-900 hours.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

**Mary Lou Higgs,**

*Acting NSF Clearance Officer.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-269, 50-270 and 50-287-LR ASLBP No. 98-752-02-LR]

### Duke Energy Corporation; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the **Federal Register**, 37 FR 28710 (1972), and Sections 2.105, 2.700, 2.702, 2.714, 2.714a, 2.717 and 2.721 of the Commission's Regulations, all as amended, an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board is being established in the following proceeding to rule on petitions for hearing and for leave to intervene and to preside over the proceeding in the event that a hearing is ordered.

### Duke Energy Corporation; Oconee Nuclear Station

Facility Operating Licenses No. DPR-38, DPR-47 and DPR-55

This Board is being established pursuant to a notice published by the Commission on August 11, 1998, in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 42885) and the Commission's Order Referring Petition for Intervention and Request for Hearing to Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, CLI-98-17 (September 15, 1998). The proceeding involves an application by Duke Energy Corporation to renew operating licenses for Units 1, 2 and 3 of its Oconee Nuclear Station pursuant to the provisions of 10 CFR Part 54. The renewal license, if granted, would authorize the applicant to operate those units for an additional 20-year period.

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:

Thomas S. Moore, Chairman, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555

Dr. Richard F. Cole, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555

Dr. Peter S. Lam, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555

All correspondence, documents and other materials shall be filed with the Judges in accordance with 10 CFR 2.701.

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 16th day of September 1998.

**B. Paul Cotter, Jr.,**

*Chief Administrative Judge, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-213]

### Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company (Haddam Neck Plant); Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(w) and 10 CFR 140.11 regarding financial protection requirements to Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company (CYAPCo or the licensee) for the Haddam Neck Plant (HNP) located in Middlesex County, Connecticut.

### Environmental Assessment

#### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption would allow an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(w) regarding the amount of onsite property insurance required for the licensee and from the requirements of 10 CFR 140.11 regarding the amount of offsite liability insurance required by the licensee.

By letter dated September 26, 1997, the licensee presented the results of an analysis of the capability of spent fuel stored in the spent fuel pool (SFP) to heat up in the absence of cooling water. The licensee provided information that as of October 1, 1997, the spent fuel could not heat up above 538 °C in the absence of any cooling water. In order to achieve the results presented, the licensee had to arrange the spent fuel in a configuration consistent with the analysis.

By letter dated October 7, 1997, the licensee requested the exemption on the basis that HNP is permanently shut down and defueled, and, therefore, the potential risk to public health and safety is substantially reduced. The requested action would allow CYAPCo to reduce onsite insurance coverage to \$50 million and offsite coverage to \$100 million for HNP.

By letter dated December 18, 1997, the licensee stated that movement of the spent nuclear fuel into the configuration consistent with the fuel heat-up analysis had been completed on October 23, 1997.