

other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of This Information

(1) *Type of information collection:* Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

(2) *The title of the form/collection:* Application for Federal Law Enforcement Dependents Assistance.

(3) *The agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department sponsoring the collection:* The form number is 1240/20 (9-97), Office of Justice Programs, United States Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Primary: Children and spouses of Federal civilian law enforcement officers who were killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty and are seeking financial assistance for the purpose of higher education.

Other: None. This program is administered under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 3796 et seq. To provide financial assistance in the form of awards to the children and spouses of Federal civilian law enforcement officers whose death or permanent and total disabilities in the line of duty resulted in the payment of benefits under the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program. The Application Form will be completed by each eligible applicant and will provide information regarding educational experience, educational goals, and estimated cost of educational plan for verification and award processing.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond/reply:* 50 responses annually at 2 hours per respondent.

(6) An estimate for the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: (100) annual burden hours.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, Suite 850, Washington Center, 1001 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530, or via facsimile at (202) 514-1534.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities: Meeting XLIII

Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities will be held on October 30, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Committee will convene to discuss a variety of reports and projects. The meeting will be held in the Connally Room at the Institute of Texan Culture, 801 S. Bowie Street, San Antonio, Texas.

The Committee meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with opening remarks by Dr. John Brademas, Chairman. This will be followed by the Executive Director's Report from Harriet Mayor Fulbright. There also will be a report on Round Table Discussions, a preview of the Public Forum and an Arts Advantage report. Ms. Fulbright will give an overview of the results of the 1998 Coming Up Taller Awards and local representative will make presentations about San Antonio. The meeting will conclude with general discussion about future planning, and will adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities was created by Executive Order in 1982 to advise the President, the two Endowments, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services on measures to encourage private sector support for the nation's cultural institutions and to promote public understanding of the arts and the humanities.

If, in the course of discussion, it becomes necessary for the Committee to discuss non-public commercial or financial information of intrinsic value, the Committee will go into closed session pursuant to subsection (c)(4) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Any interested persons may attend as observers, on a space available basis, but seating is limited. Therefore, for this meeting, individuals wishing to attend must contact Regina Syquia of the President's Committee in advance at (202) 682-5409 or write to the Committee at 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 526, Washington, DC 20506. Further information with reference to this meeting can also be obtained from Ms. Syquia.

If you need special accommodations due to disability, please contact Ms.

Syquia through the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-003]

Consolidated Edison Company; Indian Point Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1; Notice of Public Meeting

The NRC will conduct a second public meeting at Village Hall, 236 Tate Avenue, Buchanan, New York, on October 21, 1998, to discuss plans developed by Consolidated Edison Company (Con Edison licensee) to decommission the Indian Point Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1. The Indian Point Station, located in Buchanan, New York, includes the permanently shutdown Unit 1 and two operating units, Unit 2 and Unit 3. Unit 2 is operated by Con Edison, and Unit 3 by New York Power Authority. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m., and will be chaired by Mr. Alfred J. Donahue, Mayor of the Village of Buchanan, New York. The public meeting is being held pursuant to the NRC's regulations in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, Section 50.82(a)(4) regarding the requirement for the submission of a post-shutdown decommissioning activities report (PSDAR) by the licensee following permanent cessation of operation and the holding of a public meeting by the NRC on the PSDAR. Con Edison submitted a decommissioning plan, which was approved by the NRC in January 1996, prior to the rule change promulgated at 31 FR 39301 (July 29, 1996), requiring a PSDAR.

Decommissioning plans approved prior to the revision are considered to meet the requirement for a PSDAR and are subject to the revised regulations, including the requirement for a public meeting. The meeting will include a short presentation by the NRC staff on the decommissioning process and NRC programs for monitoring decommissioning activities with attention being given to the licensee's decommissioning plans. There will be a presentation by Con Edison on planned

decommissioning activities, and there will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of the NRC staff and Con Edison representatives and make comments on the planned activities. The meeting will be transcribed.

Con Edison's decommissioning plan provides a short discussion of the plant history, a description of the unit's radiological conditions, and a description and schedule of planned decommissioning activities. This decommissioning plan and the NRC's safety evaluation associated with the plan are available for public inspection at the White Plains Public Library, 100 Martie Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601. For more information, please contact John L. Minns, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone 301-415-3166.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of September 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Acting Director, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate, Division of Reactor Program Management, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-313 and 50-368; License Nos. DPR-51 and NPF-6]

Entergy Operations, Inc. (Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2); Confirmatory Order Modifying Post-TMI Requirements Pertaining To Containment Hydrogen Monitors

I

Entergy Operations, Inc. (the Licensee), is the holder of Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-51 and NPF-6 issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50. The licenses authorize the operation of Arkansas Nuclear One, Units 1 and 2 (ANO-1, ANO-2), located in Pope County, Arkansas.

II

As a result of the accident at Three Mile Island, Unit 2 (TMI-2), the NRC issued NUREG-0737, "Clarification of TMI Action Plan Requirements" (November 1980). Generic Letters 82-05 and 82-10, issued on March 17, and

May 5, 1982, respectively, requested licensees of operating power reactors to furnish information pertaining to their implementation of specific TMI Action Plan items described in NUREG-0737. Orders were issued to licensees confirming their commitments made in response to the generic letters. Orders to the Licensee issued on March 14, 1983, require the Licensee to implement and maintain the various TMI Action Plan items, including Item II.F.1, Attachment 6 pertaining to monitoring of hydrogen concentration in containment.

Significant improvements have been achieved since the TMI accident in the areas of understanding risks associated with nuclear plant operations and developing better strategies for managing the response to potentially severe accidents at nuclear plants. Recent insights pertaining to plant risks and alternate severe accident assessment tools have led the NRC staff to conclude that some TMI Action Plan items can be revised without reducing, and perhaps enhancing, the ability of licensees to respond to severe accidents. The NRC's efforts to oversee the risks associated with nuclear technology more effectively and to eliminate undue regulatory costs to licensees and the public have prompted the NRC's decision to revise the post-TMI requirement related to establishing indication of hydrogen concentration in containment.

The confirmatory Orders of March 14, 1983 imposed requirements upon the Licensee for having continuous indication of hydrogen concentration in the containment atmosphere provided in the control room, as described by TMI Action Plan Item II.F.1, Attachment 6. Information about hydrogen concentration supports the Licensee's assessments of the degree of core damage and whether a threat to the integrity of the containment may be posed by combustion of the hydrogen gas. TMI Action Item II.F.1, Attachment 6 states:

If an indication is not available at all times, continuous indication and recording shall be functioning within 30 minutes of the initiation of safety injection.

This requirement to have indication of the hydrogen concentration in containment within 30 minutes following the start of an accident has defined both design and operating characteristics for hydrogen monitoring systems at nuclear power plants since the implementation of NUREG-0737. In addition, the technical specifications of most nuclear power plants and NRC regulations at 10 CFR 50.44, "Standards for combustible gas control system in

light-water-cooled power reactors," require availability of hydrogen monitors.

By letter dated March 2, 1998, Entergy Operations, Inc., requested relief for the two units at ANO from the requirement to have indication of hydrogen concentration in containment within 30 minutes of the initiation of safety injection. Specifically, the Licensee requested a 90-minute limit for indication of hydrogen concentration in containment. The technical basis for this request was that the actions necessary to establish the hydrogen indication are a distraction for control room operators from more important tasks during the initial attempts to respond to an event and that information provided by the monitors is not used until later stages of responding to an accident.

The Licensee's request of March 2, 1998, was made in conjunction with Task Zero of the Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Regulation Pilot Program, an initiative undertaken by the NRC and the Nuclear Energy Institute to improve the incorporation of risk-informed and performance-based insights into the regulation of nuclear power plants. Because the licenses for ANO-1 and ANO-2 were modified by the Orders of March 14, 1983, imposing TMI Action Plan Item II.F.1, Attachment 6, the staff informed the Licensee by letter dated July 22, 1998, that it was necessary to submit an application for an amendment to the operating licenses of ANO-1 and ANO-2 in accordance with 10 CFR 50.90 in order to modify the time limit for post-accident hydrogen monitoring. Upon further reflection, however, the NRC staff has decided that it could act upon this request more expeditiously by issuance of this Order.

On the basis of the NRC staff's review of information provided by the Licensee, consideration of the lessons learned since the TMI-2 accident pertaining to severe accident management and emergency planning, and in order to make NRC licensing and regulatory oversight more efficient, the staff concludes that the Licensee should have the flexibility and assume the responsibility for determining the appropriate time limit for indication of hydrogen concentration in containment, such that control room personnel are not distracted from more important tasks in the early phases of accident mitigation, and decisionmakers, mostly outside the control room, are able to benefit from having useful information on hydrogen concentration. Because the appropriate balance between control room activities and longer term