

request, describes the coordination with local community responders who are required to perform an emergency exercise. The exemption is requested to relieve the burden imposed on the local community responders, as well as on PSCo support staff, by having to prepare for and perform two emergency exercises between September 1998 and December 1998.

**Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action:** The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the license application for the FSV ISFSI (56 FR 5428, February 11, 1991) considered the potential environmental impacts of construction and operation of an ISFSI at the FSV site. In the EA, the NRC concluded that storage of spent fuel at the FSV ISFSI will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The proposed actions now under consideration would not change the potential environmental effects assessed in the EA. Specifically, there are no environmental impacts associated with deferring an emergency exercise conducted by PSCo for the FSV ISFSI. As previously discussed, an emergency response exercise was run at the FSV ISFSI on September 23, 1998. This exercise, although conducted by DOE, used existing local responders whose response is not affected by the pending license transfer. In addition, the onsite facility staff will remain essentially unchanged during the transition from PSCo to DOE and their response to emergency situations is not expected to be changed appreciably by the license transfer. The proposed exemption does not involve any changes that increase the probability or consequences of accidents which would require activation of the emergency response organization. The proposed exemption does not change the types of effluents that may be released offsite or significantly increase the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that this proposed exemption will have no significant radiological or nonradiological environmental impacts.

**Alternative to the Proposed Action:** Since there is no significant environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact are not evaluated. The alternative to the proposed action would be to deny approval of the exemption and, therefore, require PSCo to conduct an emergency exercise before December 31, 1998. This alternative would have no significant environmental impacts as well. However, denial of the requested exemption would result in an additional

exercise of local community emergency response resources, which, because these resources were exercised as recently as September 1998, would not provide any benefit.

**Agencies and Persons Consulted:** The Director of the Laboratory and Radiation Services Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment was consulted about this EA for the proposed action and had no concerns.

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

The environmental impacts of the proposed action have been reviewed in accordance with the requirements set forth in 10 CFR Part 51. Based upon the foregoing EA, the Commission finds that the proposed action of granting an exemption from 10 CFR 72.32(b)(12)(i) so that PSCo may defer conducting an emergency exercise for the FSV ISFSI will not significantly impact the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

This application was docketed under 10 CFR Part 72, Docket 72-9. For further details with respect to this action, see the application for an ISFSI license dated December 17, 1996, and the request for exemption dated July 31, 1998, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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#### **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-311]

#### **Public Service Electric and Gas Company; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of the Public Service Electric and Gas Company (the licensee) to withdraw its May 1, 1997, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-75 for the Salem Nuclear Generating Station, Unit No. 2, located in Salem County, New Jersey.

The proposed amendment would have revised the facility technical specifications pertaining to auxiliary building exhaust air filtration system and the switchgear and penetration area ventilation system. In a letter dated August 14, 1997, the licensee retracted the portion of the amendment request regarding the auxiliary building exhaust air filtration system. The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on May 15, 1997 (62 FR 26526). However, by letter dated December 21, 1998, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated May 1, 1997, as supplemented on August 14, 1997, and the licensee's letter dated December 21, 1998, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents 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 Salem Free Public Library, 112 West Broadway, Salem, NJ 08079.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of December 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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#### **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-22]

#### **CBS Corporation Acting Through Its Westinghouse Electric Company Division; Westinghouse Test Reactor Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility License No. TR-2, issued to the CBS Corporation acting through its Westinghouse Electric Company Division. The license authorizes possession only and decommissioning of the Westinghouse Test Reactor (WTR), located in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania.

#### **Environmental Assessment**

##### *Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would amend Facility License No. TR-2 for the WTR