

requirement or request: 12 (.20 hours or 12 minutes per response).

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* Completion of the NRC Form 354 is a mandatory requirement for NRC employees, contractors, licensees, and applicants who marry after submission of the Personnel Security Forms, or after receiving an access authorization or employment clearance to permit the NRC to assure there is no increased risk to the common defense and security.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by June 23, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0026), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 18th day of May 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-458]

Entergy Operations, Inc.; River Bend Station, Unit 1, Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Fire Hazards Analysis Report and Safety Analysis Report

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has permitted Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee), to withdraw its November 6, 1996, application seeking approval for a

deviation from its approved fire protection program to the extent the program incorporated the technical requirements of Section III.G.2 of Appendix R to part 50 of Title 10 of the Code of *Federal Regulations* for the River Bend Station, Unit 1, located in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

The application sought Commission approval for changes to the Fire Hazards Analysis Report and Safety Analysis Report with respect to the installation of a partial-area automatic fire suppression system in lieu of a full-area suppression system in Fire Area C-16.

The Commission had previously issued a proposed no significant hazards consideration determination published in the **Federal Register** on December 4, 1996 (61 FR 64385). However, by letter dated December 17, 1998, the licensee withdrew the application. For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's request dated November 6, 1996, as supplemented by letters dated July 31, 1997, and April 13, 1998, and EOI's letter dated December 17, 1998, which withdrew the original request. 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 Governments Documents Department, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of May 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert J. Fretz,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Proposed Grant Program for Agreement States for Formerly NRC-Licensed Sites; Public Comment

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is seeking stakeholder views on a proposal to pursue a separate appropriation from the General Fund. The separate appropriation would make funds available through a grant program to assist Agreement States in completing file reviews, and remediation in certain cases, for sites formerly licensed by the

NRC. Based on review of files for previously terminated licenses, the NRC has identified a number of sites for which there is insufficient documentation on site decommissioning or sealed source disposition. If the site is located in an Agreement State, any radioactive material present at the site is subject to Agreement State regulatory jurisdiction.

DATES: Submit written comments by June 18, 1999. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Mail Stop: T6-d59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001 or by Internet electronic mail at DLM1@NRC.GOV.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis Sollenberger, Office of State Programs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone 301-415-2819 or by Internet electronic mail at DMS4@NRC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NRC has been reviewing files for previously terminated licenses to determine whether there was appropriate documentation in the files that the sites were adequately decontaminated prior to termination of the license and release of the site. This project was initiated in 1977 for licenses terminated prior to 1965. Subsequent effort was initiated in 1989 for licenses terminated after 1965, which was later expanded to include all terminated licenses. A number of files have been identified for which there is insufficient documentation about site decommissioning or sealed source disposition.

Radioactive material remaining at a site located within an Agreement State, including material originally licensed by the NRC or its predecessor, is the regulatory responsibility of the Agreement State. Therefore, an Agreement State has jurisdiction for license file reviews, initial site investigations, and remediation of any sites identified as being contaminated, and any sites where the file has inadequate accounting of sealed sources.

Discussion

The NRC staff has analyzed options relating to NRC formerly licensed sites located in Agreement States. This