

requirements for physical protection of spent nuclear fuel stored under a specific license issued pursuant to 10 CFR part 72. The Trojan ISFSI has an NRC-approved security plan to protect the spent nuclear fuel stored there from radiological sabotage and diversion as promulgated under 10 CFR part 72, subpart H. The proposed action will allow the licensee to conserve resources for decommissioning activities.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that exempting the plant from security requirements will not have any adverse environmental impact. There will be very minor savings of energy and vehicular use associated with the security force no longer performing patrols, checks, and normal security functions.

The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. 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 Trojan Plant.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 19, 1999, the staff consulted with the Oregon State official, Adam

Bless of the Oregon Office of Energy, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated January 29, 1998, which is 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 Branford Price Millar Library, Portland State University, 934 S.W. Harrison Street, Portland, Oregon 97207.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 16th day of August 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-344]

Portland General Electric, Trojan Nuclear Plant; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-1 issued to Portland General Electric Company (PGE), the licensee, for operation of the Trojan Nuclear Plant located in Prescott, Oregon and a concurrent exemption from 10 CFR 50.54, 10 CFR 50.47(b) and 10 CFR part 50, appendix E.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt PGE from the emergency plan requirements of 10 CFR 50.54(q), 10 CFR 50.47(b), and 10 CFR part 50, appendix E and delete the requirements for an emergency plan from the 10 CFR part 50 licensed portion of the site after the spent nuclear fuel is transferred to

a part 72 licensed independent spent fuel storage installation (ISFSI).

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for a license amendment and exemption dated August 27, 1998.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed because the remaining quantities of radioactive material in the part 50 licensed facility will be less than the quantities specified in 10 CFR 30.72, "Schedule C" after the transfer of the spent nuclear fuel to the ISFSI. This represents a reduction of over 99 percent of the radioactivity existing prior to the transfer and the radioactivity remaining in the part 50 licensed plant will be below the amount requiring an emergency plan as designated in 10 CFR 30.72 above. The ISFSI which will receive the radioactive inventory has an NRC-approved emergency plan. The proposed action will allow the licensee to conserve resources for decommissioning activities.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that exempting the plant from emergency plan requirements will not have any adverse environmental impact. There will be very minor savings of energy and vehicular use associated with the reduced effort related to emergency preparedness drills.

The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the application

would result in no change in current environmental impacts. 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 Trojan Plant.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 19, 1999, the staff consulted with the Oregon State official, Mr. Adam Bless of the Oregon Office of Energy, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated August 27, 1998, which is 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 Branford Price Millar Library, Portland State University, 934 S.W. Harrison Street, Portland, Oregon 97207.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 16th day of August 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Weeks of August 23, 30, September 6, 13, and October 18, 1999.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of August 23

Tuesday, August 24

2 p.m.—Briefing by Executive Branch (Closed—ex. 1)

3:30 p.m.—Briefing on Threat Assessment (Closed—ex. 1)

Wednesday, August 25

9:55 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (If needed)

Week of August 30—Tentative

Wednesday, September 1

9:25 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of September 6—Tentative

Tuesday, September 7

9:15 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

9:20 a.m.—Briefing on PRA Implementation Plan (Public Meeting) (Contact: Tom King, 301-415-5790)

Week of September 13—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 13.

and

Week of October 18—Tentative

Thursday, October 21

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on Part 35—Rule on Medical Use of Byproduct Material (Contact: Cathy Haney, 301-415-6825) (SECY-99-201, *Draft Final Rule—10 CFR Part 35, Medical Use of Byproduct Material*, is available in the NRC Public Document Room or on NRC web site at "www.nrc.gov/NRC/COMMISSION/SECYS/index.html". Download the *zipped version* to obtain all attachments.)

*The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (Recording) (301) 415-1292. Contact person for more information: Bill Hill (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1661). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov or dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: August 20, 1999.

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SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from July 31, 1999, through August 13, 1999. The last biweekly notice was published on August 11, 1999 (64 FR 43764).

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed