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Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from the Office of Communications, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, D.C. 20506, at 202/682-5570.

Dated: January 9, 2000.

**Kathy Plowitz-Worden,**

Panel Coordinator, Office of Guidelines and Panel Operations.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it

displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 55, "Operators' Licenses."

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not Applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* As necessary for NRC to meet its responsibilities to determine the eligibility of applicants for operators' licenses, prepare or review initial operator licensing and requalification examinations, and perform a review of applications and reports for simulation facilities submitted to the NRC.

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Holders of and applicants for facility (i.e., nuclear power, research, and test reactor) operating licenses and individual operators' licenses.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 507.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 106.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 25,937 (approximately 19,840 hours of reporting burden and approximately 6,097 hours of recordkeeping burden).

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

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 55, "Operators'" "Licenses," of the NRC's regulations, specifies information and data to be provided by applicants and facility licensees so that the NRC may make determinations concerning the licensing and requalification of operators for nuclear reactors, as necessary to promote public health and safety. The reporting and recordkeeping requirements contained in 10 CFR Part 55 are mandatory for the licensees and applicants affected.

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 March 17, 2000. 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 (3150-0018), 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.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of February, 2000.

**Brenda Jo. Shelton,**

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-263]

### Northern States Power Company, Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from 10 CFR 55.59 for Facility Operating License No. DPR-22, issued to Northern States Power Company (NSP or the licensee), for operation of the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant, located in Wright County at the licensee's site in Wright and Sherburne Counties, Minnesota.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would allow the licensed operator requalification examinations for the Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant to be rescheduled after the current refueling outage. The requested exemption would extend the completion date for the examinations from March 9, 2000, to May 12, 2000.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated January 19, 2000.

##### The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed to provide a one-time extension of the requalification program duration from March 9, 2000, to May 12, 2000. The proposed action is needed due to the delay in completing the examinations for the current requalification cycle because of (1) an unplanned outage in addition to two planned outages, (2) a delayed start of the second refueling outage, and (3) mid-cycle training program enhancements.

*Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the exemption will not endanger life or property and is otherwise in the public interest.

The proposed action will not significantly 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 nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC 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 Monticello Nuclear Generating Plant.

*Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on February 9, 2000, the staff consulted with the Minnesota State official, Ms. J. Peterson of the Department of Commerce, 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 NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC 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 19, 2000, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of February, 2000.

**Carl F. Lyon,**

*Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate III, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Application for a License To Export Radioactive Waste**

Pursuant to 10 CFR 110.70(c) "Public notice of receipt of an application", please take notice that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has received the following application for an export license. Copies of the application are available electronically through ADAMS and can be accessed through the Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link <<http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>> at the NRC Homepage.

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene may be filed within 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Any request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene shall be served by the requestor or petitioner upon the applicant, the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555; the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; and the Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

The information concerning the application follows.

**NRC EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION**

Name of applicant, date of application, date received, application number	Description of material			Country of destination
	Material type	Total qty	End use	
Bayou Steel Corp., October 6, 1999, January 24, 2000, XW004.	Radioactive waste Class A mixed hazardous waste.	70.73 tons of arc furnace dust containing <1300 pCi/g Cesium-137.	For disposal at Stablex Canada, Inc.	Canada.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2000 at Rockville, Maryland.

**Ronald D. Hauber,**

*Deputy Director, Office of International Programs.*

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION****Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATES:** Weeks of February 13, 21, 28, and March 6, 2000.

**PLACE:** Commissioner's Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:****Week of February 14**

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of February 14.

**Week of February 21—Tentative**

*Tuesday, February 22*

9:00 a.m. Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed-Ex. 1)

11:00 a.m. Briefing by the Executive Branch (Closed-Ex. 1) Wednesday, February 23

8:55 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

9:00 a.m. Briefing on Status of Spent Fuel