

Use; Part 2: Particular Requirements for Electrically Operated Water Valves

The designations and titles of the above test standards were current at the time of the preparation of this notice.

Conditions

As indicated above, OSHA has concerns regarding the additional documentation and procedures that TUV will develop and utilize in testing products to the standards for which the NRTL seeks recognition. Also, the Agency is concerned about TUV's actual implementation of the resolution to the discrepancy noted during an on-site review of TUV's Newtown site. As a result, OSHA plans to recognize TUV subject to a later assessment of the relevant documentation and procedures.

TUV has general "procedures" that it can adapt for each specific test standard covered by this notice, but it must have specific testing procedures for a test standard in-place before it undertakes any testing, and therefore before any certification, of products covered by the particular test standard. If these procedures are not in place, TUV would not meet the requirements for continued recognition of the particular test standard(s). As a result, OSHA plans to impose a condition on granting the expansion to ensure that TUV does develop and implement appropriate written procedures for testing to the test standards covered in this notice. During future on-site visits of the NRTL, the NRTL Program staff would audit for compliance to the condition. The Agency would commence the process to revoke recognition for any test standards for which TUV does not meet the condition.

Similarly, OSHA wants assurance that TUV will properly implement its resolution to the discrepancy already mentioned. The Agency does not reveal the specific findings of its on-site reviews because they often contain specific details that may be confidential or privileged to the NRTL. For purposes of this notice, OSHA proposes the condition in terms that the Agency believes are fair to the NRTL and provide appropriate information to the public.

The conditions that OSHA plans to impose are as follows:

a. TUV must have specific written testing procedures in place before testing products covered by any test standard for which it is recognized and must use these procedures in testing and certifying those products.

b. TUV must restrict the administration, certification, and qualification activities that it performs in its capacity as an NRTL only to its

Newtown facility. TUV must perform these activities in accordance with OSHA's relevant policies and criteria for these activities, and in accordance with its response, to the applicable on-site review, that OSHA has accepted.

Preliminary Finding on the Application

TUV has submitted an acceptable request for expansion of its recognition as an NRTL. In processing this request, OSHA performed an on-site assessment (review) of TUV's facility in Newtown, Connecticut, on July 12-14, 1999. TUV has addressed the discrepancies noted by the assessor during the on-site review, following the on-site evaluation. The resolution to the discrepancies are factored into the on-site review report (see Exhibit 20).

Following a review of the application file, the on-site review report, and other pertinent documents, the NRTL Program staff has concluded that OSHA can grant to the TUV facility listed above the expansion of recognition to use the additional one hundred-nineteen (19) test standards, with the conditions to be applied as noted. The staff therefore recommended to the Assistant Secretary that the application be preliminarily approved.

Based upon the recommendation of the staff, the Assistant Secretary has made a preliminary finding that the TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc., facility listed above can meet the recognition requirements, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7, for the expansion of recognition, subject to the above conditions. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application.

OSHA welcomes public comments, in sufficient detail, on whether TUV has met the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for the expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory. Your comment should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. To consider it, OSHA must receive the comment at the address provided above (see **ADDRESS**), no later than the last date for comments (see **DATES** above). You may obtain or review copies of the TUV request, the on-site review report, and all submitted comments, as received, by contacting the Docket Office, Room N2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address. You should refer to Docket No. NRTL-3-92, the permanent record of public information on the TUV recognition.

The NRTL Program staff will review all timely comments and, after resolution of issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to

grant the TUV expansion request. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the expansion and, in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR Section 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 10th day of February, 2000.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary.

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THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

Meetings of Humanities Panel

AGENCY: The National Endowment for the Humanities.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura S. Nelson, Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4),

and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* March 10, 2000

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 415

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

2. *Date:* March 13, 2000

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 415

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

3. *Date:* March 17, 2000

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:10 p.m.

Room: 415

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

4. *Date:* March 20, 2000

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 415

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Museums and Historical Organizations, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

5. *Date:* March 23, 2000

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 415

Program: This meeting will review applications for Special Projects, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

6. *Date:* March 24, 2000

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 730

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

7. *Date:* March 31, 2000

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 426

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Museums and Historical Organizations, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

8. *Date:* March 31, 2000

Time: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Room: 415

Program: This meeting will review applications for Humanities Projects in Media, submitted to the Division of Public Programs at the February 1, 2000 deadline

Dated:

Laura S. Nelson,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-390]

Tennessee Valley Authority; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-90, issued to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA, the licensee), for operation of the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN), Unit 1, located in Rhea County, Tennessee.

The proposed amendment would add a footnote to Technical Specification (TS) Table 3.3.2-1 (page 3 of 7) that deletes applicability of Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.3.2.10, "Turbine Trip and Feedwater Isolation," for the period February 23, 2000, until restart of the main turbine following the next time the turbine is removed from service.

TVA submitted an exigent license amendment request on February 25, 2000, as described above, to amend the WBN TS on a one-time basis to alleviate an inadvertent noncompliance resulting from a component replacement. Specifically, WBN entered TS 3.0.3 on February 22, 2000, as the result of a determination that response time testing (RTT) had not been performed for the Train B turbine trip solenoid valve (1-FSV-47-027-B) following replacement during WBN's Unit 1 Cycle 2 Refueling Outage during the Spring of 1999. The subject surveillance test (SR 3.3.2.10) had been performed within the required frequency of once every 36 months. However, the last test was partially invalidated by replacement of the subject solenoid valve because response time data on the valve was not obtained following installation of the new valve. The plant must be in a shutdown condition to obtain this data. Therefore, TS relief was sought by TVA to avoid an unnecessary plant shutdown for the sole purpose of obtaining this response time data. The response time data will be obtained during the next occasion involving removal of the main turbine from service.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) for amendments to be granted under exigent circumstances, the NRC staff must determine that the amendment request involves 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. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

(A) Operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The requested discretionary enforcement will not result in a significant increase in the consequences of an accident as the turbine trips have been functionally verified in accordance with the technical specifications and the turbine protection program and turbine trip response time is not a significant contributor to the accident analysis. Accordingly, there would be no impact on projected offsite doses.

(B) Operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

As discussed above, the safety function of the solenoid valve was confirmed during the post maintenance testing. Further, during the functional testing the control room operator observed normal operation of the trip function. Although the response time was not quantitatively determined for the end device, this deficiency cannot create a new or different accident from any previously evaluated.

(C) Operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Again as discussed above, the trip function was confirmed by post maintenance testing, and the operator did not observe any abnormal delay in response. This clearly indicates there would be no significant reduction in a margin of safety associated with the lack of quantitative documentation of the response time for a portion of the Steam Generator Water Level High High turbine trip function.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this