

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* Generic Customer Satisfaction Survey.
2. *Current OMB approval number:* None.
3. *How often the collection is required:* Occasionally.
4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Voluntary reporting by the public and NRC licensees.
5. *The number of annual respondents:* 1225.
6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 306.

7. *Abstract:* Voluntary customer satisfaction surveys will be used to contact users of NRC services and products to determine their needs, and how the Commission can improve its services and products to better meet those needs. In addition, focus groups will be contacted to discuss questions concerning those services and products. Results from the surveys will give insight into how NRC can make its services and products cost effective, efficient, and responsive to its customer needs. Each survey will be submitted to OMB for its review.

Submit, by May 5, 2000, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?
2. Is the burden estimate accurate?
3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?
4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft 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 about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of February 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket No. 50-374]

Commonwealth Edison Company; 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-18 issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee) for operation of LaSalle County Station Unit 2, located in LaSalle County, Illinois.

The proposed amendment would change the Technical Specifications (TSs) to defer the required examination of weld RH-2005-29 until the next scheduled refueling outage or December 31, 2000, whichever is earlier.

TS Section 3.4.8, "Structural Integrity," requires the structural integrity of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Class 1 components to be maintained in accordance with the surveillance requirements of TS Section 4.4.8, "Structural Integrity." TS Section 4.4.8 invokes the surveillance requirements (SR) of TS SR 4.0.5. TS SR 4.0.5.f requires that piping susceptible to intergranular stress corrosion cracking (IGSCC) be examined in accordance with the NRC staff positions on

schedule, methods, personnel and sample expansion included in NRC Generic Letter (GL) 88-01, "NRC Position on IGSCC in BWR Austenitic Stainless Steel Piping."

At 1527 hours Central Standard Time (CST) on February 17, 2000, the licensee entered TS SR 4.0.3 due to a missed TS surveillance requirement to examine weld RH-2005-29. TS SR 4.0.3 allows 24 hours to perform the surveillance or pursue enforcement discretion. Without enforcement discretion, LaSalle County Station Unit 2 would have been required to be in at least STARTUP within the next 7 hours, HOT SHUTDOWN within the following 6 hours, and COLD SHUTDOWN within the subsequent 24 hours, since the action statement of TS Section 3.4.8 could not be complied with due to current plant conditions in accordance with TS Section 3.0.3. The licensee requested enforcement discretion from the requirements of TS 3.4.8 on February 18, 2000. The NRC verbally granted enforcement discretion at approximately 1130 hours CST on February 18, 2000, to be effective until a TS change is approved that would allow the examination of weld RH-2005-29 to be deferred until the next refueling outage. The written Notice of Enforcement Discretion (NOED) was issued by the NRC on February 23, 2000. The licensee requested that this proposed TS change be processed on an exigent basis consistent with the guidance provided in NRC Administrative Letter 95-05, "Revisions to Staff Guidance for Implementing NRC Policy on Notices of Enforcement Discretion, Revision 1." The licensee stated that the circumstances surrounding this request for exigent review were unavoidable and not created by a failure to make a timely application for a license amendment.

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