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It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

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## NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

### Records Schedules for Electronic Copies Previously Covered by General Records Schedule 20; Availability and Request for Comments

**AGENCY:** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed records schedules; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) publishes notice at least once monthly of certain Federal agency requests for records disposition authority (records schedules). Once approved by NARA, records schedules provide mandatory instructions on what happens to records when no longer needed for current Government business. They authorize the preservation of records of continuing value in the National Archives of the United States and the destruction, after a specified period, of records lacking administrative, legal, research, or other value. Notice is published for records schedules in which agencies propose to destroy records not previously authorized for disposal or reduce the retention period of records already authorized for disposal.

This request for comments pertains solely to schedules for electronic copies of records created using word processing and electronic mail where the recordkeeping copies are already scheduled. (Electronic copies are records created using word processing or electronic mail software that remain in storage on the computer system after the recordkeeping copies are produced.)

These records were previously approved for disposal under General Records Schedule 20, Items 13 and 14. The agencies identified in this notice have submitted schedules pursuant to NARA Bulletin 99-04 to obtain separate disposition authority for the electronic

copies associated with program records and administrative records not covered by the General Records Schedules. NARA invites public comments on such records schedules, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3303a(a). To facilitate review of these schedules, their availability for comment is announced in **Federal Register** notices separate from those used for other records disposition schedules.

**DATES:** Requests for copies must be received in writing on or before May 30, 2000. On request, NARA will send a copy of the schedule. NARA staff usually prepare appraisal memorandums concerning a proposed schedule. These, too, may be requested. Requesters will be given 30 days to submit comments.

Some schedules submitted in accordance with NARA Bulletin 99-04 group records by program, function, or organizational element. These schedules do not include descriptions at the file series level, but, instead, provide citations to previously approved schedules or agency records disposition manuals (see Supplementary Information section of this notice). To facilitate review of such disposition requests, previously approved schedules or manuals that are cited may be requested in addition to schedules for the electronic copies. NARA will provide the first 100 pages at no cost. NARA may charge \$.20 per page for additional copies. These materials also may be examined at no cost at the National Archives at College Park (8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD).

**ADDRESSES:** To request a copy of any records schedule identified in this notice, write to the Life Cycle Management Division (NWML), National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Requests also may be transmitted by FAX to 301-713-6852 or by e-mail to records.mgt@arch2.nara.gov.

Requesters must cite the control number, which appears in parentheses after the name of the agency which submitted the schedule, and must provide a mailing address. Those who desire appraisal reports and/or copies of previously approved schedules or manuals should so indicate in their request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Marie Allen, Director, Life Cycle Management Division (NWML), National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Telephone: (301)713-7110. E-mail: records.mgt@arch2.nara.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Each year Federal agencies create billions of records on paper, film, magnetic tape, and other media. To control this accumulation, agency records managers prepare schedules proposing retention periods for records and submit these schedules for NARA approval, using the Standard Form (SF) 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority. These schedules provide for the timely transfer into the National Archives of historically valuable records and authorize the disposal of all other records after the agency no longer needs the records to conduct its business. Routine administrative records common to most agencies are approved for disposal in the General Records Schedules (GRS), which are disposition schedules issued by NARA that apply Government-wide.

On March 25, 1999, the Archivist issued NARA Bulletin 99-04, which told agencies what they must do to schedule electronic copies associated with previously scheduled program records and certain administrative records that were previously scheduled under GRS 20, Items 13 and 14. On December 27, 1999, the Archivist issued NARA Bulletin 2000-02, which suspended Bulletin 99-04 pending NARA's completion in FY 2001 of an overall review of scheduling and appraisal. On completion of this review, which will address all records, including electronic copies, NARA will determine whether Bulletin 99-04 should be revised or replaced with an alternative scheduling procedure. However, NARA will accept and process schedules for electronic copies prepared in accordance with Bulletin 99-04 that are submitted after December 27, 1999, as well as schedules that were submitted prior to this date.

Schedules submitted in accordance with NARA Bulletin 99-04 only cover the electronic copies associated with previously scheduled series. Agencies that wish to schedule hitherto unscheduled series must submit separate SF 115s that cover both recordkeeping copies and electronic copies used to create them.

In developing SF 115s for the electronic copies of scheduled records, agencies may use either of two scheduling models. They may add an appropriate disposition for the electronic copies formerly covered by GRS 20, Items 13 and 14, to every item in their manuals or records schedules where the recordkeeping copy has been created with a word processing or electronic mail application. This approach is described as Model 1 in Bulletin 99-04. Alternatively, agencies

may group records by program, function, or organizational component and propose disposition instructions for the electronic copies associated with each grouping. This approach is described as Model 2 in the Bulletin. Schedules that follow Model 2 do not describe records at the series level.

For each schedule covered by this notice the following information is provided: name of the Federal agency and any subdivisions requesting disposition authority; the organizational unit(s) accumulating the records or a statement that the schedule has agency-wide applicability in the case of schedules that cover records that may be accumulated throughout an agency; the control number assigned to each schedule; the total number of schedule items; the number of temporary items (the record series proposed for destruction); a brief description of the temporary electronic copies; and citations to previously approved SF 115s or printed disposition manuals that scheduled the recordkeeping copies associated with the electronic copies covered by the pending schedule. If a cited manual or schedule is available from the Government Printing Office or has been posted to a publicly available Web site, this too is noted.

Further information about the disposition process is available on request.

#### Schedules Pending

1. Social Security Administration, Agency-wide (N9-47-00-28, 7 items, 7 temporary items). Electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing that relate to communications. Included are electronic copies of such documents as published issuances and related production and control files, records relating to audiovisual products, graphics reference files, and talent files. This schedule follows Model 2 as described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. Record keeping copies of these files are included in Disposition Job Nos. NC174-176, NC-47-75-9, NC-47-75-24, NC1-47-76-12, NC1-47-76-14, and NC1-47-81-5.

2. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, Office of the Executive Director (N9-455-00-1, 14 items, 14 temporary items). Electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing that are accumulated by the agency's Public Information Office. Included are electronic copies of such documents as subject files, speeches and articles, activity reports, congressional testimony, publications, and

administrative studies. This schedule follows Model 1 as described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. Recordkeeping copies of these files are included in Disposition Job No. N1-455-87-1.

3. United States International Trade Commission, Agency-wide (N9-81-00-1, 14 items, 14 temporary items). Electronic copies of records created using electronic mail and word processing. Included are electronic copies of such documents as publications, press releases, minutes of meetings, litigation case files, informal investigation files, congressional correspondence, directives, budget estimates, and files pertaining to commodities. This schedule follows Model 2 as described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. Recordkeeping copies of these files are included in Disposition Job Nos. NC1-81-78-1, N1-81-89-1, and N1-81-97-1.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-327 and 50-328]

### Tennessee Valley Authority; Sequoyah Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

#### Introduction

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Section 50.44, 10 CFR 50.46, and 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix K, for Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-77 and DPR-79, issued to the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) for operation of the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant (SQN) Units 1 and 2, located in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action is in accordance with TVA's application for exemptions dated February 11, 2000.

The proposed action is to exempt TVA from requirements to base its analyses of hydrogen generation, energy release and cladding oxidation, during design basis accidents, on the assumption that either zircaloy or

ZIRLO is used as the fuel rod cladding material. The design of a new fuel planned for use at SQN utilizes M5 alloy as the fuel rod clad, spacer grid, fuel assembly guide, instrument tube and fuel rod end plug material.

##### The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption is needed because the regulations indicate that light-water reactors contain fuel of uranium oxide pellets enclosed in zircaloy or ZIRLO cladding. The licensee proposes to use a new fuel having "M5" cladding instead of zircaloy or ZIRLO. Exemptions are, therefore, required in order to use the new fuel.

One specific regulation that references use of zircaloy and ZIRLO as fuel cladding material is 10 CFR 50.46, which defines the analytical requirements related to the performance of Emergency Core Cooling Systems (ECCS). TVA has provided information that indicates that the effectiveness of ECCS will not be affected by the use of M5 material, and that the ECCS acceptance criteria specified in the regulations for use with zircaloy and ZIRLO are also applicable to M5. Because the underlying purpose of 10 CFR 50.46 is achieved through the use of M5, special circumstances are present under 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) for granting an exemption to 10 CFR 50.46.

The other regulations that relate to use of zircaloy and ZIRLO are 10 CFR 50.44 and 10 CFR 50, Appendix K, which ensure that cladding oxidation and hydrogen generation are limited during a loss-of-coolant accident and conservatively accounted for in analytical models. TVA has provided information indicating that the "Baker-Just equation," referenced in these regulations for use with zircaloy and ZIRLO, are also conservative for use with M5. Because the underlying purpose of 10 CFR 50.44 and 10 CFR 50, Appendix K, is achieved through the use of M5, special circumstances are present under 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) for granting an exemption to these regulations.

##### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that with regard to radiological impacts to the general public, the proposed action involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. 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