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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Beverly Farmarco, Code ZC, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-1903.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- First Flight Centennial Foundation of North Carolina
- Inventing Flight of Dayton, Ohio
- Logo Use Policy

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: May 9, 2000.

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*Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space
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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the NEA is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection of: Jazz Musician Questionnaire. A copy of the current information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the

address section below on or before July 18, 2000. The NEA is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Tom Bradshaw, Research Division, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 617, Washington, DC 20506-0001, telephone (202) 682-5432 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 682-5677.

Murray Welsh,

*Director, Administrative Services, National
Endowment for the Arts.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-346]

FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company, (Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station); Exemption

I

FirstEnergy (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF-3, which authorizes the operation of the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS). The license states that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The Commission is taking an action to approve this request prior to publication in the **Federal Register** of its Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact. In accordance with 10 CFR 51.13, the Commission has determined that emergency circumstances are present to support the issuance of this exemption prior to

publication in the **Federal Register** in that failure to act in a timely way would result in prevention of resumption of plant operation.

The facility consists of a pressurized-water reactor at the licensee's site located in Ottawa County, Ohio.

II

The DBNPS is planning to implement a plant modification during the twelfth refueling outage, which is scheduled to end in May 2000. The modification will change the equipment used to prevent boric acid precipitation following certain loss-of-coolant accidents (LOCAs) to enhance the flow of water through the core, thus controlling the accumulation of boric acid in the core and preventing boric acid precipitation.

The Code of Federal Regulations at 10 CFR 50.46 provides acceptance criteria for the ECCS, including long-term cooling requirements in 50.46(b)(5) and an option to develop the ECCS evaluation model (EM) in conformance with appendix K requirements (10 CFR 50.46(a)(1)(ii)). 10 CFR part 50, appendix K, Section 1.D.1, in turn, requires that accident evaluations use the combination of ECCS subsystems assumed to be operative "after the most damaging single failure of ECCS equipment has taken place." In addition, Appendix K Section I.A.4 specifies a requirement to assume decay heat generation rate is equal to 1.2 times the values for infinite operating time in a specified ANS standard.

The proposed action would exempt the Licensee from the single-failure requirement for very low probability scenarios under certain conditions. The exemption is limited to the systems required for preventing boron precipitation during the long-term cooling phase of a LOCA. In addition, the action would exempt the Licensee from the decay heat generation rate assumption specified in Appendix K, Section I.A.4.

Specifically, DBNPS requested the following exemption by its letters dated March 15, and April 3, 2000:^{1, 2}

FirstEnergy, with respect to the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, is exempt from the single failure criterion requirement of 10 CFR part 50, appendix K, Section I.D.1, with

¹ Campbell, Guy G., "Request for Exemption from 10 CFR 50, Appendix K, for Boric Acid Precipitation Control Methodology (TAC No. MA7831)," Letter to NRC from Vice President, Nuclear, FirstEnergy, Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, March 15, 2000.

² Campbell, Guy G., "Supplemental Information Regarding the Request for Exemption from 10 CFR 50, Appendix K, for Boric Acid Precipitation Control Methodology (TAC No. MA7831)," Letter to NRC from Vice President Nuclear, FirstEnergy, Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station, April 3, 2000.