

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: 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 continued approval 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:* NRC Form 790, "Classification Record".

2. *Current OMB approval number:* NRC Form 790.

3. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

4. *Who will be required or asked to report:* NRC employees, NRC contractors, NRC licensees, and its only certificate holder who classify and declassify NRC information.

5. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 324.

6. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 27.

7. *Abstract:* Completion of the NRC Form 790 is a mandatory requirement for licensees, contractors, and only certificate holders who classify and declassify NRC information in accordance with Executive Order 12958, "Classified National Security Information," the Atomic Energy Act, and implementing directives.

Submit, by August 7, 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 31st day of May 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket Nos. 50-266 and 50-301]

Wisconsin Electric Power Company; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-24 and DPR-27, issued to Wisconsin Electric Power Company (the licensee) for operation of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant, Units 1 and 2, located in Manitowoc County, Wisconsin.

The proposed amendments would eliminate one of the license conditions and associated implementation dates from Appendix C to the licenses. The license condition currently requires the licensee to submit a license amendment application and supporting radiological dose analyses demonstrating compliance with General Design Criterion (GDC) 19 dose limits without reliance on potassium iodide (KI). By letter dated April 7, 2000, the NRC staff concurred with the licensee that the use of KI to reduce operator dose during a radiological emergency was not precluded in the licensing basis for Point Beach, Units 1 and 2.

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

The Commission has made a proposed determination 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 amendments 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:

1. Operation of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant in accordance with the proposed amendments will not create a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

The license condition that is proposed for deletion is an administrative condition related to analyses to demonstrate conformance to 10 CFR 50, GDC 19 dose limits, and the requirements for design and operation of the control room ventilation system as assumed in the analyses. The license condition proposed for deletion is not related to any factor or event that is an initiator of any accident and thus, deletion will not affect the probability of any accident previously evaluated.

The dose analyses and the resultant required changes to the control room ventilation system were based in part on making changes to the licensing basis for the control room ventilation system and analyses. These changes were not solely to demonstrate compliance with GDC 19. The existing analysis of record for control room dose demonstrates that regulatory limits are met with the present design and assumptions. Therefore, deletion of the license condition does not result in a significant increase in the consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Operation of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant in accordance with the proposed amendments will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

The license condition imposed administrative requirements for analyses of radiological consequences of presently analyzed events. Deletion of the license condition will not result in a change in the operation of any system as presently assumed. Therefore, no new accident initiators can result. Thus, the deletion of the license condition cannot result in a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated. P≤3. Operation of the Point Beach Nuclear Plant in accordance with the proposed amendments does not create a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Deletion of the existing license condition will not result in a change in the way the plant is presently designed and operated. Operation will continue in accordance with