

of this exemption will have no adverse effect on public health and safety or the environment.

Finding of No Significant Impact

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the amendment of Special Nuclear Material License SNM-42. On the basis of the assessment, the Commission has concluded that environmental impacts associated with the proposed action would not be significant and do not warrant the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. Accordingly, the Commission is making a Finding of No Significant Impact.

The Environmental Assessment and the documents related to this proposed action are available for public inspection and copying at the Commission's Public Document Room at the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street NW., Washington, DC.

Opportunity for a Hearing

Based on the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact, and a staff safety evaluation to be completed, NRC is preparing to amend License SNM-42. The NRC hereby provides that this is a proceeding on an application for amendment of a license falling within the scope of Subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudication in Materials Licensing Proceedings," of NRC's rules and practice for domestic licensing proceedings in 10 CFR part 2. Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing in accordance with § 2.1205(d). A request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice.

A request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission either:

1. By delivery to the Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852-2738; or
2. By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR part 2 of the NRC's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

1. The interest of the requester in the proceeding;
2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding,

including the reasons why the requester should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(h).

3. The requester's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

4. The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(d).

In accordance with 10 CFR Section 2.1205(f), each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail to:

1. The applicant, BWX Technologies, P.O. Box 785, Lynchburg, VA; and
2. The NRC staff, by delivering it to the Executive Director for Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail, addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

The NRC contact for this licensing action is Thomas Cox. Mr. Cox may be contacted at (301) 415-8107 or by e-mail at THC@nrc.gov for more information about this licensing action.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of July, 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-206]

Southern California Edison, San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR part 73 for Facility Operating License No. DPR-13, issued to Southern California Edison, (the licensee), for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1, a permanently shutdown nuclear reactor facility located in San Diego County, California.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action would modify security requirements to eliminate certain equipment, to relocate certain equipment, to modify certain procedures, and reduce the number of armed responders, due to the

permanently shutdown and defueled status of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption dated April 28, 2000. The requested action would grant an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, "Requirements for physical protection of licensed activities in nuclear power reactors against radiological sabotage," specifically from 10 CFR 73.55(a), (c)(1), (c)(3), (c)(4), (c)(5), (c)(6), (c)(7), (d)(1), (e)(1), (e)(2), (h)(3) and (h)(6) as identified in the licensee's application for exemption dated April 28, 2000.

The Need for the Proposed Action

San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1 was permanently shut down on November 20, 1992. The reactor was permanently defueled and the possession-only license became effective on March 9, 1993. In this permanently shutdown condition, the facility poses a reduced risk to public health and safety. Because of this reduced risk, certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55 are no longer appropriate. An exemption is required from portions of 10 CFR 73.55 to allow the licensee to implement a revised security plan that is appropriate for the permanently shutdown and defueled reactor facility.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that granting an exemption to those portions of 10 CFR 73.55 identified above would not have a significant impact on the environment. Unit 1 has not operated since November 1992. As demonstrated by the licensee in its exemption application, the consequences of any possible act of sabotage are thus reduced, due to the reduced amount of radioactive material available for possible release from the Unit 1 spent fuel pool.

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 released off site, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there

are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the “no-action” alternative). Denial of the application would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1.

Agencies and Persons Contacted

In accordance with its stated policy, on May 31, 2000, the staff consulted with the State of California official, Mr. Steven Hsu of the Radiologic Health Services, State Department of Health Services, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated April 28, 2000 (Accession No. ML003709607), which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of July 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Filings and Information Services, Washington, DC 20549.

Extension:

Rules 1(a), 1(b), Forms U5A and U5B—SEC File No. 270-168—OMB Control No. 3235-0170

Rule 3, Form U-3A3-1—SEC File No. 270-77—OMB Control No. 3235-0160

Rule 26—SEC File No. 270-78—OMB Control No. 3235-0183

Rule 44—SEC File No. 270-162—OMB Control No. 3235-0147

Rule 62, Form U-R-1—SEC File No. 270-166—OMB Control No. 3235-0152

Rule 88, Form U-13-1—SEC File No. 270-80—OMB Control No. 3235-0182

Rule 95, Form U-13E-1—SEC File No. 270-74—OMB Control No. 3235-0162

Form U-7D—SEC File No. 270-75—OMB Control No. 3235-0165

Notice is hereby given that, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) requests comments on the collections of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit these existing collections of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rules 1(a) and 1(b) [17 CFR 250.1(a), 250.1(b)] and forms U5A and U5B [17 CFR 259.5a, 259.5b] implement Sections 5(a) and 5(b) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended (“Act”) which require any holding company or any person proposing to become a holding company to file with the Commission a notification of registration and registration statement, respectively. The information is necessary for the Commission to determine whether a new registrant is in compliance with the requirements of the Act. The initial burden of this requirement is approximately 80 hours per respondent. Thereafter there is no annual burden. The Commission has been receiving four filings each year, with a total annual burden of 320 hours. Companies filing under this rule are required to retain records for a period of 10 years, and provision of the information is mandatory. The retention time period allows the Commission the opportunity to perform its audit functions. Responses are not kept confidential.

Rule 3 [17 CFR 250.3] permits a bank that is also a public utility holding company to claim an exemption from the requirements of the Act, through the submission of an annual statement on Form U-3A3-1 [17 CFR 259.403]. The rule and the form are used by the Commission staff to expedite its review of compliance with Section 3(a)(4) of the Act. Rule 3 and form U-3A3-1 permit a bank that is also a public utility holding company to avoid the burdens associated with an application for an exemption from the requirements of the Act. An application for an exemption would involve a formal order, which might require an administrative hearing and which otherwise would consume a significant amount of Commission resources. Each year the Commission receives five submissions from banks, each takes about two hours to complete. Thus a total annual burden of ten hours is imposed. Provision of this information is required. Banks that file under this rule are required to retain records for a period of ten years. This retention period is consistent with requirements imposed by federal agencies that regulate banks. Banks are allowed to request confidential treatment of information filed under this rule.

Rule 26 [17 CFR 250.26] sets forth the financial statement and recordkeeping requirements for registered holding companies and their subsidiaries. This information collection is of fundamental importance to the Commission in the review of financial statements of registered public utility holding companies. The Commission reviews financial statements in connection with its review of proposals submitted for approval under several provisions of the Act. Provision of this information is required. The rule imposes no annual burden because there is no form, as such, under Rule 26 and because the information is required for Form U5S, which is subject to separate OMB review. In addition, there is no requirement for record retention under this rule.

Rule 44 [17 CFR 250.44] prohibits sales of utility securities or of utility assets owned by registered public utility holding companies, not otherwise exempt under Commission regulations, except under a declaration that notifies the Commission of the proposed sale and that becomes effective. The information is essential to Commission administration of Section 12(d) of the Act and is not otherwise available. The Commission analyzes the information to determine if the proposed sale is consistent with the public interest. Provision of this information is