

The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

1. By delivery to the Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville MD 20852-2738; or

2. By mail, telegram or facsimile 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 requestor in the proceeding;

2. How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(h);

3. The requestor'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)—that is, filed within 30 days of the date of this notice.

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

1. The applicant, Kerr-McGee Corporation, Kerr-McGee Technical Center, 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73125; and

2. The NRC staff, by delivery to the General Counsel, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, or by mail addressed to the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Arlington, Texas, this 3rd day of July, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

D. Blair Spitzberg,

Chief, Fuel Cycle and Decommissioning Branch, Division of Nuclear Materials Safety, Region IV.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-361 AND 50-362]

Southern California Edison Company, San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Unit Nos. 2 and 3; Notice of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Commission) has issued Amendment Nos. 180 and 171 to Facility Operating Licenses Nos. NPF-10 and NPF-15, Southern California Edison Company (SCE or the licensee), which revised the Operating License and Technical Specifications for operation of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS), Units Nos. 2 and 3, located in San Diego County, California. The amendments are effective as of the date of issuance.

The amendments modified the Technical Specifications and Operating License for SONGS Units 2 and 3, to allow SCE to increase the maximum reactor core power level for each unit from 3390 megawatts thermal (MWT) to 3438 MWT, which is an increase of 1.42 percent of rated core thermal power for SONGS Units 2 and 3.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated April 3, 2001, and supplemented by letters dated April 23, May 11, May 25, May 31, and June 25, 2001.

The application for the amendments comply with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission's rules and regulations in 10 CFR chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendments.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for a Hearing in connection with this action was published in the **Federal Register** on April 18, 2001 (66 FR 19996). No request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene was filed following this notice.

The Commission has prepared an Environmental Assessment related to the action and has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement. Based upon the environmental assessment, the Commission has concluded that the issuance of the amendments will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (66 FR 32964, and corrected in 66 FR 33982).

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment dated April 3, 2001, (and supplemented by letters dated April 23, May 11, May 25, May 31, and June 25, 2001), (2) Amendments No. 180 to License No. NPF-10, and No. 171 to License No. NPF-15, (3) the Commission's related Safety Evaluation, and (4) the Commission's Environmental Assessment. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management Systems (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html>. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by email to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of July 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Joseph E. Donoghue,

Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate IV, Section 2, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Memorandum of Understanding Between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Coordination of Cleanup & Decommissioning of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Sites With NRC-Licensed Facilities

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the Public of the issuance of a Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The purpose of the MOU is to avoid unnecessary duplication of regulatory requirements that may hinder USACE in its remediation of sites under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability

Act (CERCLA). Under the MOU, NRC could exercise its discretion to suspend NRC-issued licenses, or portions thereof, at FUSRAP sites. The MOU addresses unrestricted releases under 10 CFR 20.1402, and the MOU will ensure that the criteria of the License Termination Rule or a more stringent requirement will be met. The MOU will enhance interagency dialogue and will make the agencies activities and decisions concerning site decommissioning and cleanup more effective and efficient. The MOU will assist the agencies to reduce unnecessary burden on stakeholders and avoid duplication of regulatory requirements and effort by setting out cooperative conditions, consistent with the protection of the public health and safety.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 5, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of all NRC documents are available for public inspection, and copying for a fee, in the NRC Public Document Room, 11455 Rockville Pike (Mail Stop: 01F13), Rockville, MD. The NRC Public Document Room is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays). Telephone service is provided from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., at (301) 415-4737 or toll-free at 1-800-397-4209 or e-mail: pdr@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amir Kouhestani, NMSS Mail Stop T7-F27, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20005-0001. Telephone: (301) 415-0023; Fax (301) 415-5398; e-mail: aak@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th Day of July, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Larry W. Camper,

Chief, Decommissioning Branch, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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Article I—Purpose and Authority

A. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), (“The Parties”) for the purpose of minimizing dual regulation and duplication of regulatory requirements at FUSRAP sites with NRC-licensed

facilities. For activities where a potential for dual regulation could exist, the two agencies agree to cooperate, share information, and/or coordinate activities in their respective programs. This MOU applies to USACE response actions meeting the decommissioning requirements of 10 CFR 20.1402, “Radiological Criteria for Unrestricted Use.” USACE Response actions meeting the restricted release requirements of 10 CFR 20.1403, are outside the scope of this MOU.

B. The NRC has the statutory responsibility for the protection of the public health and safety related to the possession and use of source, byproduct, and special nuclear material under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (Public Law 83-703, 68 Stat. 919). This includes ensuring the decommissioning of the nuclear facilities that it licenses. The Commission’s licenses and regulations set out conditions to provide for the protection of the public health and safety and the environment. To terminate such licenses, NRC must ensure that licensees meet the Commission’s decommissioning requirements including the provisions of 10 CFR 20 subpart E—Radiation Criteria for License Termination.

C. USACE is administering and executing cleanup at FUSRAP sites pursuant to a March 1999, MOU with the Department of Energy and the provisions of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Acts for Fiscal Years 1998–2001 (Public Laws 105-62, 105-245, 106-60 and 106-377, respectively). Section 611 of Pub. L. 106-60 requires the USACE to remediate FUSRAP sites, in accordance with, and subject to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR, chapter 1, part 300. Section 611 also confers lead agency status on the USACE for remedy selection. USACE, as provided for in section 121(e) of CERCLA and 40 CFR 300.400(e), is not required to obtain a NRC license for its on-site remediation activities conducted under its CERCLA authority. However, if a response action is required, CERCLA requires the remedy to be protective of human health and the environment.

D. This MOU describes how the two agencies will work together to meet their existing statutory responsibilities. It neither creates nor removes any agency responsibility or authority. This MOU is not an admission of responsibility or liability on the part of

the United States with regard to any hazardous substances or operations at a licensed site; does not relieve a license holder of its responsibilities and liabilities under any law; and does not create rights in any third party against USACE, NRC, or the United States.

E. CERCLA obligations imposed on the USACE may duplicate the obligations established by NRC regulations and licenses, resulting in duplicate regulatory requirements at NRC-licensed FUSRAP sites that will impose an added regulatory burden without an added safety benefit. To avoid unnecessary duplication of regulatory requirements and effort, this MOU sets out the conditions, consistent with the protection of the public health and safety, that will permit NRC to exercise its discretion to suspend NRC issued licenses at FUSRAP sites so that NRC requirements do not hinder USACE in its remediation of sites under CERCLA.

F. Each agency will bear its own costs for actions consistent with this MOU, but this does not preclude each agency from recovering costs, based on its statutory authority, from the licensee or responsible parties.

G. Use of Terms.

1. The term “response action” means response actions as defined in CERCLA at 42 U.S.C. 9601(25) including removal and remedial actions and related CERCLA enforcement actions.

2. The term “closeout” means that all construction activities and reports are complete, the cleanup goals specified in the final ROD are achieved, coordination with regulatory agencies, and publication of notice in accordance with the provisions of CERCLA, the National Contingency Plan (NCP) and USACE procedures have been completed.

3. The term “completed response action” means that all construction activities are complete; for components other than ground or surface water, the cleanup goals specified in the ROD are achieved; any ground and/or surface water restoration remedies are operating as designed; and a remedial or removal action report is complete.

4. The term “FUSRAP site” means any geographic area certified by the Department of Energy (DOE) to have been used for activities in support of the Nation’s early atomic energy program, and determined by USACE to require a response action pursuant to CERCLA or placed into the FUSRAP program pursuant to Congressional direction. A FUSRAP site may overlap all, or any part, of an NRC-licensed site.

5. The term “possession” means physical control of the property or

materials for purposes of environmental restoration and protection of the health and safety of the public.

Possession does not require ownership nor is USACE assuming responsibility for the operations and activities of the NRC licensee or owner of the materials. The USACE will take control only of the FUSRAP-related materials on the licensed site as provided in paragraph III. B. Non-FUSRAP materials, unless the responsibility of the USACE under CERCLA, remain under control of the licensee.

6. The term "licensed site" means that a NRC license has been issued, and remains active or suspended, to possess and use material licensed under the Atomic Energy Act at the site.

Article II—Intragency Communication

To provide for consistent and effective communication between NRC and USACE, each agency shall appoint a Principal Representative to serve as its headquarters-level point of contact on matters relating to this MOU. Written notices required by the MOU shall be sent to the USACE's and NRC's Principal representatives. The Principal Representatives are:

Chief, Decommissioning Branch,
Division of Waste Management, U.S.
Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Washington, DC 20555

Chief, Environmental Division,
Directorate of Military Programs, U.S.
Army Corps of Engineers 441 G Street,
NW., Washington, DC 20314-1000

Article III—Agreement

A. At the request of USACE, NRC will initiate action for the suspension of the NRC license or portions of the license for a FUSRAP site to be remediated by USACE under CERCLA authority contingent upon USACE notifying the NRC in writing that:

(1) USACE is prepared to take physical possession of all or part of the licensed site for purposes of control of radiation from FUSRAP materials subject to NRC jurisdiction and be responsible for the protection of the public health and safety from those materials consistent with 10 CFR part 20 "Standards For Protection Against Radiation" and other requirements consistent with CERCLA;

(2) USACE will conduct a response action at the licensed site under its FUSRAP and CERCLA authority, with regard to FUSRAP materials subject to NRC jurisdiction, to meet at least the standards required under 10 CFR 20.1402, and

(3) USACE has no objection to, and will facilitate, NRC observing USACE in-process remediation activities.

Such written notification to the NRC should be provided after the final Record of Decision (ROD), or its equivalent, is issued, if one is prepared, and at least 90 calendar days prior to USACE's expected date of initiation of a site response action so that the NRC can initiate the process for suspension of the license. Prior to submitting the notification, USACE will make a reasonable attempt to obtain the licensee's consent to USACE's proposed action and document the results of this effort in the notification.

B. Depending on the extent of FUSRAP materials and their separability from other hazardous substances on the site, USACE's responsibility may encompass the entire site, portions of the site, all the radioactive materials or just the FUSRAP and commingled materials, as specified in the final ROD. USACE will notify NRC of its findings regarding the type and extent of hazardous substance on a licensed site prior to requesting license suspension. Prior to USACE submitting a request for license suspension on a site where the NRC license suspension will not encompass the entire site, USACE and NRC will meet to agree on the scope of the suspension. The licensee may be involved in these discussions.

C. NRC licensing action for the suspension of the license, or portions of the license, will be effective, subject to:

(1) Written notification from USACE to the NRC that USACE has taken physical possession of the licensed site for purposes of radiation control and is now responsible for the protection of the public health and safety consistent with the requirements of 10 CFR Part 20 and

(2) The effectiveness rules of the NRC hearing process pursuant to 10 CFR Part 2, "Rules Of Practice For Domestic Licensing Proceedings And Issuance Of Orders."

Prior to license suspension, the licensee retains responsibility for meeting the Commission's requirements for protecting the environment and the health and safety of the public.

D. NRC may observe, as it deems warranted, remediation activities being conducted by USACE. For the purpose of scheduling in-process activity observation, USACE shall provide the NRC with the schedule of major activities, regular progress reports on sites' activities, studies, and/or remediation, and planned work stoppages.

E. The NRC shall keep USACE apprised in writing of questions,

comments or concerns arising from any NRC observations of USACE response action activities and shall immediately notify the USACE of any conditions having a potential to adversely affect the environment or the health and safety of the public.

F. USACE shall be responsible for the protection of the health and safety of the public consistent with the requirements of CERCLA and 10 CFR part 20 during the time it is in physical possession of the licensed site or portions thereof which are suspended in accordance with the agreement at the time of license suspension.

G. USACE shall remediate the licensed site to meet at least the requirements of CERCLA and of 10 CFR 20.1402. The Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirement (ARAR) in the final executed ROD will include 10 CFR 20.1402 or a more stringent requirement.

H. USACE shall manage all activities and prepare program estimates, funding requirements, and budget justifications for all FUSRAP activities for which it has been given responsibility as provided by the annual Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, and the terms of this MOU. USACE shall request FUSRAP appropriations in the annual Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act for these activities. USACE shall respond to inquiries from public officials, Congressional interests, stakeholders, and members of the press regarding USACE activities under FUSRAP.

I. USACE shall consult with NRC if USACE surveys, investigations, and data analyses are inconsistent with the NRC description of the potential radioactive and/or chemical contaminants and processes involved in the historical activities at a licensed site at which the USACE is conducting a FUSRAP investigation or response action under CERCLA. USACE shall immediately notify NRC if, as a result of its Preliminary Assessments, Remedial Investigations, or other surveys prior to production of a ROD, conditions warrant a time-critical removal action, and the agencies will identify an appropriate response that protects the environment and the health and safety of the public.

J. USACE shall notify NRC in writing if there is a need for a radiological response action under FUSRAP on any property not covered by the license suspended or to be suspended (whether or not owned by the licensee) as a result of radioactive contamination from a licensed site undergoing a FUSRAP investigation or response action.

K. Following completion of the response action at a FUSRAP site with an NRC-licensed facility, USACE shall provide the NRC with a copy of the CERCLA Administrative Record for the NRC historical public record. At the time of close out USACE will provide NRC with copies of any additional information that has been placed in the CERCLA Administrative Record.

L. USACE shall notify the NRC in writing if there are NRC-licensed facilities on FUSRAP sites that may require coordination with the NRC in addition to the four known sites: Maywood Site (Stepan), Maywood, NJ; CE-Windsor Site, Windsor, CT; St. Louis Downtown Site (Mallinkrodt), St. Louis, MO; and the Shallow Land Disposal Area, Parks Township, PA.

M. USACE shall keep NRC apprised in writing of progress toward completion of Preliminary Assessments and/or Site Investigations at licensed sites to determine:

(1) Whether FUSRAP and commingled materials at the site are a threat or potential threat to public health and safety or the environment as a result of the licensed materials there; and

(2) Whether the release requires a response under CERCLA.

N. The NRC will reinstate the license or portions of the license put into suspension due to USACE's remediation if USACE:

(1) Is no longer controlling the FUSRAP-related portion of the licensed site for radiation protection purposes,

(2) Is no longer proceeding with a response action at the licensed site under CERCLA, or

(3) Has otherwise completed its response action.

At least 90 calendar days prior to USACE terminating its physical possession of the licensed site for purpose of control of radiation, USACE will notify the NRC in writing so that the NRC can initiate the process for reinstating the license. USACE shall promptly notify NRC in writing if annual funding for the FUSRAP response action at an NRC-licensed site does not appear to be sufficient to complete the response action.

O. NRC shall be responsible for appropriate regulatory action, including requiring any further decommissioning if necessary, following license reinstatement.

P. As may be necessary, NRC and USACE will develop working procedures to implement this MOU. Such procedures will be approved by the Principal Representatives.

Article IV—Further Assistance

NRC and USACE shall provide such information as may be reasonably necessary or required, which are not inconsistent with applicable laws and regulations, and the provisions of this MOU, in order to give full effect to this MOU and to carry out its intent.

Article V—Dispute Resolution

Every effort will be made to resolve issues between NRC and USACE by the staff directly involved in the activities at issue, through consultation and communication. If a mutually acceptable resolution cannot be reached, the dispute will be elevated to successively higher levels of management up to the signers of this MOU. If resolution cannot be reached, NRC may in its discretion reinstate the licenses involved after providing a written 30 calendar day advance notice to the USACE. Upon license reinstatement, USACE's obligations under this MOU for the particular site shall cease and the licensee becomes responsible for control of radioactive materials on the licensed site, as well as protecting the environment and the health and safety of the public, subject to NRC regulation and other applicable law. Upon determining that the licensee has established control of the site and hazardous substances, USACE will relinquish possession of the site and hazardous substances, will cease remediation activities, and will vacate the site. License reinstatement constitutes notice of the shift in responsibility for control of the site and its hazardous substances.

Article VI—Amendment and Termination

This MOU may be modified or amended in writing by the mutual agreement of the parties. Either party may terminate the MOU by providing written notice to the other party. The termination shall be effective 60 calendar days following notice, unless the parties agree to a later date. Termination of this MOU does not relieve USACE of its statutory responsibility for protecting the environment or the health and safety of the public until NRC has reinstated the license and the licensee has taken control of the site and its hazardous substances.

Article VII—Effective Date

This MOU shall become effective when signed by authorized officials of NRC and USACE.

Dated: February 2, 2001.
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Martin J. Virgilio,
Director, Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated: July 5, 2001.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Hans A. Van Winkle,
Major General, U.S. Army, Director, Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), Agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the Agency has prepared an information collection request for OMB review and approval and has requested published review and comment on the submission. OPIC published its first **Federal Register** Notice on this information collection request on May 2, 2001, in 66 FR 22054, at which time a 60-calendar day comment period was announced. This comment period ended July 2, 2001. No comments were received in response to this Notice.

This information collection submission has now been submitted to OMB for review. Comments are again being solicited on the need for the information, its practical utility, the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology. The proposed form under review is summarized below.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for review submitted to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the OMB Reviewer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
OPIC Agency Submitting Officer: Carol Brock, Records Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20527; 202/336-8563.

OMB Reviewer: David Rostker, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Docket