

CFR 51.21, the NRC is issuing this environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would make administrative changes to Technical Specification Sections 1.9, Core Alteration; 1.14, Engineered Safety Features Response Time; and 1.29, Reactor Trip Response Time.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated August 6, 2001, as supplemented by letters dated November 2, 2001, and February 1, 2002.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action will allow the licensee to implement Technical Specification changes to support refueling outage 08, currently scheduled for spring 2002.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that it has no environmental impact.

The proposed action will not significantly increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of 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 have a potential to affect 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.

Environmental Impacts of the 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

The action does not involve the use of any different resource than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Seabrook Station, Unit No. 1, dated December 1982.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On February 13, 2001, the staff consulted with the New Hampshire State official, Mike Nawoj, of the New Hampshire Office of Emergency Management, and on February 19, 2002, the staff consulted with the Massachusetts State official, James Muckerheid, of the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State officials 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 August 6, 2001, as supplemented by letters dated November 2, 2001, and February 1, 2002. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), 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 System (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of March 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

International Conference on Wire System Aging

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The International Conference on Wire System Aging (ICWSA) will be held April 23-25, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the DoubleTree Hotel at 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, USA.

The conference has a three-fold purpose: (1) To review current practices and programs for understanding and managing wire system aging, (2) to exchange information on the current status of research related to the issue, and (3) to identify technical issues and programs of interest for collaborative research. The conference will focus on four specific topics as they relate to wire system aging:

- Reliability Physics Modeling of Wire System Aging;
- Fire Risk Assessment of Wire System Aging;
- Risk Significance of Wire System Aging; and
- Prognostics and Diagnostics for Installed Wire Systems.

Michael Mayfield, Director of the Division of Engineering Technology of the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, will open the conference on Tuesday, April 23, and Ashok C. Thadani, Director of the NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, will be the keynote speaker.

Technical sessions on each of the four topics will be held Tuesday and Wednesday. Each session will include technical papers, followed by question and answer periods. On Thursday morning a general session on initiatives and insights on Wire System Aging will be held. This session will contain presentations by international wire system experts regarding initiatives in their countries to address wire system aging, along with presentations on initiatives in the USA.

On Thursday afternoon, April 25, an expert panel will discuss issues related to wire system aging, along with the future direction of collaborative research to address these issues. Panel members will include Dr. Nilesh Chokshi, NRC Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research; Dr. Elliot Cramer, NASA-Langley; and Dr. John Brewer, Department of Transportation.

Technical exhibits will be on display all three days of the conference. These exhibits will demonstrate state-of-the-art

cable monitoring techniques, as well as new advances in cable construction.

The conference is open to the public and there is no registration fee. However, attendance will be limited to 200 people, and advance registration for the conference is strongly recommended. Those who wish to attend are encouraged to register in advance on the ICWSA Web site (www.bnl.gov/ICWSA) or by contacting Susan Monteleone, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Building 130, Upton, NY 11973-5000, telephone (631) 344-7235; or Jit Vora (301) 415-5833, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of March 2002.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR WASTE TECHNICAL REVIEW BOARD

Board Meeting: Yucca Mountain Repository

May 7-8, 2002—Washington, DC: The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board will hold a meeting to discuss efforts by the Department of Energy (DOE) related to developing a safety case for a potential Yucca Mountain repository. Other topics that will be discussed include staged repository concepts, repository design concepts, issues related to corrosion of waste package materials, and the DOE's plans for continuing technical and scientific investigations if the Yucca Mountain site recommendation is approved.

Pursuant to its authority under section 5051 of Public Law 100-203, Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987, on Tuesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 8, 2002, the U.S. Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board (Board) will hold a meeting in Washington, D.C., to discuss efforts by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to develop a safety case for a potential repository for spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste at Yucca Mountain, Nevada. Also discussed will be "staged" concepts for the development of such a repository, the design of a potential repository, and issues related to corrosion of the materials that would be used for the waste packages at a potential repository. The meeting is open to the public, and

opportunities for public comment will be provided. The Board is charged by Congress with reviewing the technical and scientific validity of DOE activities related to managing spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

The Board meeting will be held at the Washington Marriott Hotel; 1221 22nd Street, NW; Washington, D.C. 20037. The telephone number is 202-872-1500; the fax number is 202-872-9899. The meeting sessions will begin at 8 a.m. on both days.

The morning session on Tuesday will begin with comments by a representative of the State of Nevada, followed by a series of presentations by the DOE on the DOE's technical and scientific program, including scheduling and strategic planning. After lunch, the results of the DOE's Waste Package Materials Performance Peer Review will be presented, followed by an update on the State of Nevada's corrosion studies. The balance of the afternoon will be devoted to a discussion of the DOE's safety case for a potential Yucca Mountain repository, which will include the perspectives of the international community, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the DOE, and the State of Nevada.

On Wednesday morning, representatives of the international community, the DOE, and the State of Nevada will present their views on staged repository concepts. These presentations will be followed by a discussion of technical issues related to repository design concepts, including presentations on a flexible design concept and on a ventilation design concept. The afternoon session will begin with a discussion of the DOE's performance confirmation and test and evaluation planning and activities, including a presentations on performance confirmation by the Electric Power Research Institute. An update on the DOE's performance assessment and design priorities will complete the afternoon agenda.

Opportunities for public comment will be provided before lunch and bore adjournment on both days. Those wanting to speak during the public comment periods are encouraged to sign the "Public Comment Register" at the check-in table. A time limit may have to be set on individual remarks, but written comments of any length may be submitted for the record. Interested parties also will have the opportunity to submit questions in writing to the Board. As time permits, the questions will be answered during the meeting.

A detailed agenda will be available approximately one week before the meeting. Copies of the agenda can be

requested by telephone or obtained from the Board's Web site at www.nwtrb.gov. Beginning on June 10, 2002, transcripts of the meeting will be available on the Board's Web site, via e-mail, on computer disk, and on a library-loan basis in paper format from Davonya Barnes of the Board staff.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Washington Marriott Hotel. A meeting rate will be available for reservations made by April 19, 2002. When making a reservation, please state that you are attending the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board meeting. For more information, contact the NWTRB; Karyn Severson, External Affairs; 2300 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 1300; Arlington, VA 22201-3367; (tel) 703-235-4473; (fax) 703-235-4495; (e-mail) info@nwtrb.gov.

The Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board was created by Congress in the Nuclear Waste Policy Amendments Act of 1987. The Board's purpose is to evaluate the technical and scientific validity of activities undertaken by the Secretary of Energy related to managing the disposal of the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste. In the same legislation, Congress directed the DOE to characterize a site at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, to determine its suitability as the location of a potential repository for the permanent disposal of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

Dated: March 29, 2002.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

Summary of Proposal(s):

- (1) *Collection title:* Financial Disclosure Statement.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-423.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0127.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 6/30/2002.

(5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.