

ASME Code Case N-640 to relax the requirements found in the 1995 Edition through 1996 Addenda of the ASME B&PV Code, Section XI, Appendix G, while maintaining, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), the underlying purpose of the ASME B&PV Code and the NRC regulations to ensure that adequate margins of safety exist to protect the RCS from the potential for brittle failure.

3.0 Discussion

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, when (1) The exemptions are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health or safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security, and (2) when special circumstances are present. The NRC staff accepts the licensee's determination that an exemption would be required to approve the use of ASME B&PV Code Case N-640. The NRC staff concluded that the use of ASME B&PV Code Case N-640 would meet the underlying intent of appendix G to 10 CFR part 50. Based upon a consideration of the conservatism that is explicitly incorporated into the methodologies of appendix G to 10 CFR part 50, the staff concluded that application of ASME Code Case N-640 as described would provide an adequate margin of safety against brittle failure of the RPV. This is also consistent with the determination that the staff has reached for other licensees under similar conditions based on the same considerations. Therefore, the staff concludes that requesting the exemption under the special circumstances of 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) is appropriate and that the methodology of Code Case N-640 may be used to revise the P-T limits for the SQN2 RPV.

4.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a), the exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or common defense and security. Also, special circumstances are present. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants Tennessee Valley Authority an exemption from the requirements of appendix G to 10 CFR part 50 for the development of P-T limit curves for the SQN2 RPV.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not result in any significant effect on the

quality of the human environment (68 FR 44550).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th Day of July 2003.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of August 4, 11, 18, 25, September 1, 8, 2003.

PLACE: Commissioners Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of August 4, 2003

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 4, 2003.

Week of August 11, 2003—Tentative,

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 11, 2003.

Week of August 18, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 18, 2003.

Week of August 25, 2003—Tentative

Monday, August 25, 2003

9:30 a.m.—Discussion in Investigatory and Enforcement Issued (Closed—Ex. 7 & 5).

Week of September 1, 2003—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of September 1, 2003.

Week of September 8, 2003—Tentative

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

1 p.m.—Meeting with Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Zabko, 301-415-2308).

This meeting will be Webcast live at the Web address—<http://www.nrc.gov>
3 p.m.—Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

Thursday, September 11, 2003

1:30 p.m.—Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

* The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (recording)—(301 415-1292. Contact person for more information: David Louis Gamberoni (301) 415-1651.

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Additional Information: "Briefing on License Renewal Program, Power Uprate Activities, and High Priority Activities," previously scheduled for August 27th, 2003 has been postponed.

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Dated: July 31, 2003.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Biweekly Notice; Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

Background

Pursuant to Pub. L. 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Pub. L. 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or