

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-280 AND 50-281]

Virginia Electric and Power Company, Surry Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment And Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an exemption from Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.b and c for Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-32 and DPR-37, issued to Virginia Electric and Power Company (the licensee), for operation of the Surry Power Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 (Surry 1 and 2), located in Surry County, Virginia. Therefore, as required by 10 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, as described in the licensee's application for a one-time exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E, dated September 15, 2005, would allow the licensee to postpone the offsite full-participation emergency exercise from December 6, 2005, to February 7, 2006. The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated September 15, 2005, that requested an exemption from Section IV.F.2.b and c of Appendix E to 10 CFR part 50 regarding the full participation by each offsite authority having a role under the plan. The NRC staff has determined that the requirements of Appendix E to 10 CFR part 50, Sections IV.F.2.b and c are applicable to the circumstances of the licensee's request and that an exemption from those requirements is appropriate. The licensee also stated in its letter dated September 15, 2005, that Surry 1 and 2 will resume its normal biennial exercise cycle in 2007.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption from 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.b and c is needed because the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (DEM) has requested to delay the full participation exercise from December 6, 2005, to February 7, 2006. The Virginia DEM had requested this delay in order to utilize the new Emergency Operations Center, which is currently under construction and will not become fully operational until January 2, 2006. In its letter to the licensee on May 20,

2005, the Federal Emergency Management Agency approved Virginia DEM's request to delay the full-participation exercise until February 7, 2006.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its safety evaluation (SE) of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed exemption will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety. The details of the NRC staff's SE will be provided in the exemption that will be issued as part of the letter to the licensee approving the exemption to the regulation. The action relates to the exercising of the emergency response plan, which has no effect on the operation of the facility.

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. There is no significant increase in the amount of any effluent released off site. 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 non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not have a potential to affect any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological 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 NRC 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 resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement related to the operation of Surry 1 and 2, May and June 1972, respectively.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on October 26, 2005, the NRC staff consulted with Mr. Les Foldesi, Director of the Bureau of Radiological Health, Department of Health, Commonwealth of Virginia, 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 September 15, 2005. 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 send an e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of November 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of December 5, 12, 19, 26, 2005, January 2, 9, 2006.

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

STATUS: Public and Closed.

Matters To Be Considered

Week of December 5, 2005

Thursday, December 8, 2005.

1 p.m.—Meeting with the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards (ACRS), (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Week of December 12, 2005—Tentative

Monday, December 12, 2005.

8:50 a.m.—Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative), a. Exelon Generation Company, LLC (Early Site Permit for Clinton Site). (Tentative).

9 a.m.—Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1).

Wednesday, December 14, 2005.

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

Thursday, December 15, 2005.

1:30 p.m.—Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed—Ex. 1).

Week of December 19, 2005—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 19, 2005.

Week of December 26, 2005—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of December 26, 2005.

Week of January 2, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of January 2, 2006.

Week of January 9, 2006—Tentative

Tuesday, January 10, 2006.

9:30 a.m.—Briefing on International Research and Bilateral Agreements, (Contact: Roman Schaffer, 301-415-7606).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Wednesday, January 11, 2006.

9:30 a.m.—Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW), (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360).

This meeting will be webcast live at the Web address: <http://www.nrc.gov>.

Thursday, January 12, 2006.

9:30 a.m.—Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 2).

*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: Michelle Schroll, (301) 415-1662.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/policy-making/schedule.html>.

Additional Information

The Affirmation Session tentatively scheduled on November 30, 2005, at

9:25 a.m. has been rescheduled tentatively on December 12, 2005, at 8:50 a.m.

The NRC provides reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities where appropriate. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in these public meetings, or need this meeting notice or the transcript or other information from the public meetings in another format (e.g., braille, large print), please notify the NRC's Disability Program Coordinator, August Spector, at 301-415-7080, TDD: 301-415-2100, or by e-mail at aks@nrc.gov. Determinations on requests for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-by-case basis.

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to the distribution, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Washington, DC 20555 (301-415-1969). In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the Internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to dkw@nrc.gov.

Dated: December 1, 2005.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

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

I. Background

Pursuant to section 189a.(2) of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. The Act requires the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued and 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 proposed to be issued from November 9, 2005 to November 21, 2005. The last

biweekly notice was published on November 22, 2005 (70 FR 70641).

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

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve 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 amendment 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. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination. Within 60 days after the date of publication of this notice, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect to issuance of the amendment to the subject facility operating license and any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding and who wishes to participate as a party in the proceeding must file a written request for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of 60 days after the date of publication of this notice. The Commission may issue the license amendment before expiration of the 60-day period provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. In addition, the Commission may issue the amendment prior to the expiration of the 30-day comment period should circumstances change during the 30-day comment period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example in derating or shutdown of the facility. Should the Commission take action prior to the expiration of either the comment period or the notice period, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance. Should the Commission make a final No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, any hearing will take place after issuance. The Commission expects that