

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (05-169)]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Exploration Partners, LLC., of Austin, Texas, has applied for an exclusive license to practice the inventions disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,164,060 entitled Combustion Chamber/Nozzle Assembly And Fabrication Process Therefrom, 6,308,408 entitled Combustion Chamber/Nozzle Assembly And Fabrication Process Therefrom, 6,195,984 entitled Rocket Engine Thrust Chamber Assembly, 6,330,792 entitled Method Of Making A Rocket Engine Thrust Chamber Assembly, 6,116,020 entitled Injector For Liquid Fueled Rocket Engine, 6,189,315 entitled Low-Cost Gas Generator And Ignitor, 6,497,091 entitled Hypergolic Ignitor Assembly, 6,845,605 entitled Hypergolic Ignitor and 6,860,099 entitled Liquid Propellant Tracing Impingement Injector. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to Mr. James J. McGroary, Chief Patent Counsel/LS01, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL 35812. NASA has not yet made a determination to grant the requested license and may deny the requested license even if no objections are submitted within the comment period.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by December 27, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sammy A. Nabors, Technology Transfer Department/ED03, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL 35812, (256) 544-5226.

Dated: December 5, 2005.

Keith T. Sefton,

Deputy General Counsel, Administration & Management.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52-010]

General Electric Company; Notice of Acceptance of Application for Final Design Approval and Standard Design Certification of the ESBWR Standard Plant Design

Notice is hereby given that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) has received an application from General Electric Company (GE) dated August 24, 2005, filed pursuant to section 103 of the Atomic Energy Act and Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 52, for the final design approval and standard design certification of the Economic Simplified Boiling Water Reactor (ESBWR) Standard Plant Design. GE supplemented its application by letters dated September 19 and 20, 2005, and October 6, 12, 17, 20, 22 (2 letters), 24 (5 letters), and 28, 2005. The application, as revised and supplemented, is considered sufficiently complete to be accepted formally as a docketed application for design certification. The docket number established for this application is 52-010. A notice relating to the rulemaking pursuant to 10 CFR 52.51 for design certification, including provisions for participation of the public and other parties, will be published in the future.

The ESBWR design is an approximately 1550 megawatt electric boiling water reactor plant design in which passive safety systems are used for the ultimate safety protection of the plant. All of the safety systems are designed to be passive, where natural forces, such as gravity, natural circulation, and stored energy (in the form of pressurized accumulators and batteries), are used as the motive forces of these systems. The ESBWR application includes the entire power generation complex, except those elements and features considered site-specific, and is not a modular design in which major components are shared.

A copy of the application is available on CD-ROM for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records are accessible 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>. The accession number for the application is ML052450245. Future publicly available documents related to

the application will also be posted in ADAMS. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, should contact the NRC Public Document Room Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, December 1, 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William D. Beckner,

Deputy Director, Division of New Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-382]

Entergy Operations, Inc., Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) 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.c for Facility Operating License No. NPF-38, issued to Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI or the licensee), for operation of the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Waterford 3), located in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. 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 to the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, appendix E, section IV.F.2.c, dated October 24, 2005, would allow the licensee to reschedule the planned offsite full-participation emergency exercise from December 7, 2005 to June 28, 2006. Subsequent exercises would be scheduled in accordance with the original biennial schedule from the year 2005.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption from 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.c is needed because the licensee anticipates not being able to perform the planned full-participation exercise scheduled for December 7, 2005, due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the ongoing

restoration efforts at Waterford 3, at the surrounding parishes, and the State. In this particular circumstance, it would impose a hardship to perform the required emergency preparedness exercise with full participation on December 7, 2005.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed exemption will not present an undue risk to public health and safety. The details of the staff's Safety Evaluation 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, or amounts 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.

In 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 resources than those previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement (FES) for the Waterford 3 dated September 1981 (NUREG-0779).

Agencies and Persons Consulted

On October 26, 2005, the staff consulted with the Louisiana State official, Nan Calhoun of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Radiological Emergency Planning & Response, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the following: (1) The FES, dated September 1981 (NUREG-0779), and (2) the Exemption application dated October 24, 2005, (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML052990303). 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 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 at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or send an e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: N. Kalyanam, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, Mail Stop O-7D1, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at (301) 415-1480, or by e-mail at nxk@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of December 2005.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

David Terao,

Chief, Plant Licensing Branch G, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste; Revised

The 166th Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste (ACNW) meeting scheduled for December 13-15, 2005, Room T-2B3, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland has been revised as noted below. This notice was previously

published on Thursday, December 1, 2005 (70 FR 72127).

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.: Opening Statement (Open)—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC's) Plans for the Implementation of a Dose Standard After 10,000 Years (Open)—NRC is proposing to amend its regulations at 10 CFR Part 63 that govern the disposal of high-level radioactive wastes in a proposed geologic repository at Yucca Mountain. The proposed rule would implement EPA's proposed standards for doses that could occur after 10,000 years but within the period of geologic stability. The Committee will continue its discussions with representatives from NRC's Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards on those proposed revisions. The NRC staff briefing will include the topics of radionuclide inventory, effects of climate change, and dosimetry.

10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Reasonableness of NRC Infiltration Assumption in the Proposed Part 63 (Open)—NRC's proposed rule change at Part 63 specifies a value to be used to represent climate change after 10,000 years, as called for by EPA. The Committee will hear presentations from and hold discussions with knowledgeable subject matter experts on the reasonableness of NRC's proposed infiltration assumption.

1 p.m.-4 p.m.: White Paper on Low-Level Radioactive Waste (Open)—The Committee will discuss a proposed white paper on low-level radioactive waste (LLW). NRC staff and stakeholders will provide perspectives on the subject.

4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.: Preparation of ACNW Reports/Letters (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACNW reports on matters considered during this and/or previous meetings.

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.: Opening Statement (Open)—The ACNW Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of today's sessions.

8:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.: Combined Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) and Division Directors Briefing (Open)—The NMSS Office and Division Directors will brief the Committee on recent activities of interest within their respective programs.