

(iv) The exemption would result in benefit to the public health and safety that compensates for any decrease in safety that may result from the grant of the exemption; or

(v) The exemption would provide only temporary relief from the applicable regulation and the licensee or applicant has made good faith efforts to comply with the regulation; or

(vi) There is present any other material circumstance not considered when the regulation was adopted for which it would be in the public interest to grant an exemption. If such condition is relied on exclusively for satisfying paragraph (a)(2) of this section, the exemption may not be granted until the Executive Director for Operations has consulted with the Commission.

The licensee's exemption request was submitted in conjunction with a TS amendment application to increase the allowable leak rate for the MSIVs. The proposed amendment will be issued concurrently with this exemption. The exemption and amendment together would implement the recommendations of Topical Report NEDC-31858, "BWR Report for Increasing MSIV Leakage Rate Limits and Elimination of Leakage Control Systems." The topical report was evaluated by the NRC staff and accepted in a safety evaluation dated March 3, 1999. The special circumstances associated with MSIV leakage testing are fully described in the topical report. These circumstances relate to the monetary costs and personnel radiation exposure involved with maintaining MSIV leakage limits more restrictive than necessary to meet offsite dose criteria and control room habitability criteria.

The underlying purpose of the rule which implements Appendix J (i.e., 10 CFR 50.54(o)) is to assure that containment leak tight integrity is maintained (a) as tight as reasonably achievable and (b) sufficiently tight so as to limit effluent release to values bounded by the analyses of radiological consequences of design-basis accidents. Based on the above, no new accident precursors are created by the exemption, thus, the probability of postulated accidents is not increased. Also, based on the above, the consequences of postulated accidents are not increased. As such, the NRC staff has determined that the intent of the rule is not compromised by the proposed exemption.

The proposed exemption would permit exclusion of the main steam pathway leakage contributions from the overall integrated leakage rate Type A test measurement. This change has no relation to security issues. Therefore,

the common defense and security is not impacted by this exemption.

Based on the foregoing, the separation of the main steam pathways from the other containment leakage pathways is warranted because a separate radiological consequence term has been provided for these pathways. The revised design-basis radiological consequences analyses address these pathways as individual factors, exclusive of the primary containment leakage. Therefore, the NRC staff finds the proposed exemption from Appendix J to be acceptable.

4.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety, and is consistent with the common defense and security. Also, special circumstances are present. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants NPPD an exemption from the requirements of Sections III.A and III.B of Option B of Appendix J to 10 CFR part 50 for CNS.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment (71 FR 61074).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of October 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Catherine Haney,

Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

[FR Doc. E6-18711 Filed 11-6-06; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-P

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

DATES: Weeks of November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4, 11, 2006.

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

STATUS: Public and closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of November 6, 2006

Wednesday, November 8, 2006

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Digital Instrumentation and Control (Public Meeting) (*Contact:* Paul Rebstock, 301-415-3295).

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

Thursday, November 9, 2006

9:25 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (Tentative). a. Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (Diablo Canyon ISFSI), Docket No. 72-26-ISFSI, "Motion by San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace, Sierra Club, and Peg Pinard for Partial Reconsideration of CLI-06-23" (Tentative). b. System Energy Resources, Inc. (Early Site Permit for Grand Gulf ESP) (Tentative).

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Draft Final Rule—Part 52 (Early Site permits/ Standard Design Certification/ Combined Licenses) (Public Meeting) (*Contact:* Dave Matthews, 301-415-1199).

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

1:30 p.m. Continuation of 10/24/06 Briefing on Transshipment and Domestic Shipment Security of Radioactive Material Quantities of Concern (RAMQC) (Closed—Ex. 3 & 9).

Week of November 13, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of November 13, 2006.

Week of November 20, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of November 20, 2006.

Week of November 27, 2006—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of November 27, 2006.

Week of December 4, 2006—Tentative

Thursday, December 7, 2006

9:30 a.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 2 & 3).

Week of December 11, 2006—Tentative

Monday, December 11, 2006

1:30 p.m. Briefing on Status of Decommissioning Activities (Public Meeting) (*Contact:* Keith McConnell, 301-415-7295).

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

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Threat Environment Assessment (Closed—Ex. 1).

1:30 p.m. Discussion of Security Issues (Closed—Ex. 1 & 3).

Wednesday, December 13, 2006

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Status of Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Programs (Public Meeting) (*Contact:* Barbara Williams, 301-415-7388).

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

Thursday, December 14, 2006

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

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

* * * * *

*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>.

* * * * *

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, Deborah Chan, at 301-415-7041, TDD: 301-415-2100, or by e-mail at DLC@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: November 2, 2006.

R. Michelle Schroll,

Office of the Secretary.

[FR Doc. 06-9110 Filed 11-3-06; 9:57 am]

BILLING CODE 7590-01-M

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 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 October 13, 2006, to October 26, 2006. The last biweekly notice was published on October 24, 2006 (71 FR 62306).

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 the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rulemaking, Directives and Editing Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D22, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the Commission's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. The filing of requests for a hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

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. Requests for a hearing and a petition for leave to intervene shall be filed in accordance with the Commission's "Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR part 2. Interested persons should consult a current copy of 10 CFR 2.309, which is available at the Commission's PDR, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible from the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room on the Internet at the NRC Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/>. If a