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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

7 CFR Part 1205

[Docket Number CN-04-001]

Cotton Board Rules and Regulations: Adjusting Supplemental Assessment on Imports, (2004 Amendments); Withdrawal of a Proposed Rule

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This action withdraws a proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on January 12, 2005, (70 FR 2034), to amend the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations by adjusting the total rate of assessment per kilogram for imported cotton for use by the Cotton Research and Promotion Program. Based on a stakeholder comment, the Agricultural Marketing Service believes that the proposed rule may not achieve its intended objectives of effectiveness and efficiency.

DATES: The proposed rule is withdrawn as of November 20, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shethir Riva, Chief, Research and Promotion Program, Cotton Program, AMS, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Stop 0224, Washington, DC 20250-0224, telephone (202) 720-2259, facsimile (202) 690-1718, or e-mail at shethir.riva@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) proposed to amend the Cotton Board Rules and Regulations by adjusting the total rate of assessment per kilogram for imported cotton collected for use by the Cotton Research and Promotion Program. The proposed rule would have reduced the total rate of assessment per kilogram for imported cotton products collected for use by the Cotton Research and Promotion Program.

The proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on January 12, 2005, at 70 FR 2034. Comments were to

be received on or before March 14, 2005. In response to the proposed rule, AMS received one comment from the U.S. Association of Importers of Textiles and Apparel (USA-ITA). USA-ITA made numerous assertions, some relevant and some outside the scope of the proposed rule. Among them, the commenter advised AMS to reconsider the proposed formulation and do further work necessary to develop an assessment formula that would more accurately identify the amount of U.S. cotton contained in imported cotton products. AMS believes that the commenter's request to do further work has merit, and, therefore, AMS is withdrawing the proposed rule to continue to evaluate the importer assessment issue and garner additional stakeholders' input and economic data. Accordingly, the proposed rule at 70 FR 2034 in the January 12, 2005, issue in the **Federal Register** is hereby withdrawn.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 2101-2118 and 7 U.S.C. 7401.

Dated: November 15, 2006.

Lloyd C. Day,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

10 CFR Part 51

[Docket No. PRM-51-11]

Sally Shaw; Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Petition for rulemaking; notice of receipt.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is publishing for public comment a notice of receipt of a petition for rulemaking, dated June 23, 2006, which was filed with the Commission by Sally Shaw. The petition was docketed by the NRC on November 1, 2006, and has been assigned Docket No. PRM-51-11. The petitioner requests that the NRC prepare a rulemaking that will require that the NRC reconcile its generic environmental impact statement for nuclear power

plant operating license renewal applications with the National Academy of Sciences Health Risks From Exposure to Low Levels of Ionizing Radiation: Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation (BEIR) VII Phase 2 Report.

DATE: Submit comments by February 5, 2007. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to assure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this petition by any one of the following methods. Mail comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

E-mail comments to: SECY@nrc.gov. If you do not receive a reply e-mail confirming that we have received your comments, contact us directly at (301) 415-1966. You may also submit comments via the NRC's rulemaking Web site at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>. Address questions about our rulemaking Web site to Carol Gallagher (301) 415-5905; e-mail cag@nrc.gov. Comments can also be submitted via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Hand deliver comments to: 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. (Telephone (301) 415-1966).

Fax comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission at (301) 415-1101.

Please include PRM-51-11 in the subject line of your comments. Comments on petitions submitted in writing or in electronic form will be made available for public inspection. Because your comments will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information, the NRC cautions you against including any information in your submission that you do not want to be publicly disclosed.

Publicly available documents related to this petition may be viewed electronically on the public computers located at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), Room O1 F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The PDR reproduction contractor will copy documents for a fee. Selected documents, including comments, may be viewed and downloaded

electronically via the NRC rulemaking Web site at <http://ruleforum.llnl.gov>.

Publicly available documents created or received at the NRC after November 1, 1999, are available electronically at the NRC's Electronic Reading Room at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this site, the public can gain entry into the NRC's Agencywide Document Access and Management System (ADAMS), which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. If you do not have access to ADAMS or if there are problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS, contact the PDR Reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737 or by e-mail to pdr@nrc.gov.

A copy of the petition can be found in ADAMS under accession number ML061770056. A paper copy of the petition may be obtained by contacting Betty Golden, Office of Administration, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555-0001, telephone 301-415-6863, toll-free 1-800-368-5642, or by e-mail bkg2@nrc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael T. Lesar, Chief, Rulemaking, Directives and Editing Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, telephone: 301-415-7163 or toll-free: 1-800-368-5642.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (Entergy) submitted an application for renewal of Operating License No. DPR-28 for an additional 20 years of operation at the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station (VYNPS). The VYNPS is located in the town of Vernon, Vermont, in Windham County on the west shore of the Connecticut River immediately upstream of the Vernon Hydroelectric Station. The operating license for VYNPS expires on March 21, 2012. A notice of receipt and availability of the application, which included the environmental report, was published in the **Federal Register** on February 6, 2006 (71 FR 6102). Subsequently, the NRC published a "Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Process" on April 21, 2006 (71 FR 20733). The NRC will prepare an EIS related to the review of the license renewal application.

The applicable NRC regulation, 10 CFR 51.95(c), required that the NRC, in determining whether to grant a renewal of a nuclear power plant operating license, prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS). The regulation

provides that this EIS supplement the NRC's baseline, generic EIS issued in 1996, NUREG-1437, "Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants" (May 1996)(GEIS).

Petitioner's Request

The petitioner requests that the NRC prepare a rulemaking that would require that the NRC reconcile its GEIS for nuclear power plant operating license renewal applications with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Health Risks From Exposure to Low Levels of Ionizing Radiation: BEIR VII, Phase 2 which was released in 2005. The petitioner asserts that the GEIS relies upon an earlier NAS report, the BEIR V, with was released in 1990. According to the NAS Web site, the BEIR VII updates the information contained in the BEIR V and draws upon new data in both epidemiologic and experimental research.

The petitioner requests that NRC consider the NAS BEIR VII report as new and significant information and recalculate certain conclusions set forth in the GEIS, including early fatalities, latent fatalities and any injury projections based on this information.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of November 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. FAA-2006-24034; Directorate Identifier 2006-NE-05-AD]

RIN 2120-AA64

Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney PW4077D, PW4084D, PW4090, and PW4090-3 Turbofan Engines

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: The FAA proposes to supersede an existing airworthiness directive (AD) for Pratt & Whitney PW4077D, PW4084D, PW4090, and PW4090-3 turbofan engines that were reassembled with previously used high pressure compressor (HPC) exit brush seal packs and new or refurbished HPC

exit diffuser air seal lands. That AD currently requires replacing the HPC exit inner and outer brush seal packs with new brush seal packs, or replacing the HPC exit brush seal assembly with a new HPC exit brush seal assembly. This proposed AD would require replacing the HPC exit inner and outer brush seal packs with new brush seal packs, using either original equipment manufactured (OEM) parts, or FAA-approved part manufacturer approval (PMA) equivalent parts. This proposed AD would also apply to engines reassembled with a PMA equivalent HPC exit inner and/or outer brush seal packs. This proposed AD results from a request to include PMA equivalent HPC exit inner and outer brush seal packs and to include the engines with PMA equivalent parts already installed, in the AD. We are proposing this AD to prevent uncontained engine failure, damage to the airplane, and injury to passengers.

DATES: We must receive any comments on this proposed AD by January 19, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Use one of the following addresses to comment on this proposed AD.

- *DOT Docket Web site:* Go to <http://dms.dot.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Government-wide rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions for sending your comments electronically.

- *Mail:* Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Fax:* (202) 493-2251.

- *Hand Delivery:* Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Contact Pratt & Whitney, 400 Main St., East Hartford, CT 06108; telephone (860) 565-8770; fax (860) 565-4503 for the service information identified in this proposed AD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Antonio Cancelliere, Aerospace Engineer, Engine Certification Office, FAA, Engine and Propeller Directorate, 12 New England Executive Park, Burlington, MA 01803-5213; telephone (781) 238-7751; fax (781) 238-7199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

We invite you to send any written relevant data, views, or arguments regarding this proposal. Send your