

landings in Antarctica. On each landing of passengers, emergency gear is taken ashore in case the weather deteriorates and passengers are required to stay ashore for an extended period. Emergency provisions include: food rations, orange smoke signals, a parachute rocket, cyalume light sticks, water bottles, flashlights, thermal protective aids (TPA) and paper towels. All waste products (paper, food, human wastes, and expended smoke signals and parachute rockets) will be removed from Antarctica and properly disposed in an appropriate port of disembarkation. In the event of an accidental spill from a cyalume light stick, all contaminated snow and or soil will be removed in accordance with Antarctic waste regulations.

Application for the permit is made by: Mark Flager, Vice President, Voyages of Discovery, 1800 SE 10th Avenue, Suite 205, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33316.

Location: Antarctic Peninsula.

Dates: December 6, 2008 to February 10, 2009.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Permit Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by August 13, 2008. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas as requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* Douglas P. Nowacek, Duke University, Marine Laboratory, 135 Duke Marine Lab Rd., Beaufort, NC 28516.

Permit Application No.: 2009-014.

Activity for Which Permit Is

Requested: Take. The applicant plans to approach up to 50 Humpback and Minke whales each per season to conduct visual observations, photograph and attach non-invasive DTags to record fine-scale movement patterns and foraging behavior of the whales. An active release, which corrodes in sea water, can be timed to release the tag once data storage is complete. The tags will be recovered and returned to the ship. In addition, photography and observations of the whales will help to identify individual whales and determine approximate ages.

Location: Near-shore waters of the Western Antarctic Peninsula between Anvers Island and Adelaide Islands.

Dates: February 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the

following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The NRC published a **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period on this information collection on March 3, 2008.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 445, Request for Approval of Official Foreign Travel.

3. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0193.

4. *The form number if applicable:* Form 445.

5. *How often the collection is required:* On occasion.

6. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Non-Federal consultants, contractors and invited travelers.

7. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 120.

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 120.

9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 120

10. *Abstract:* Form 445, "Request for Approval of Foreign Travel," is

supplied by consultants, contractors, and NRC invited travelers who must travel to foreign countries in the course of conducting business for the NRC. In accordance with 48 CFR 20, "NRC Acquisition Regulation," contractors traveling to foreign countries are required to complete this form. The information requested includes the name of the Office Director/Regional Administrator or Chairman, as appropriate, the traveler's identifying information, purpose of travel, listing of the trip coordinators, other NRC travelers and contractors attending the same meeting, and a proposed itinerary.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F21, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC World Wide Web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/doc-comment/omb/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by August 13, 2008. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but

assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Nathan J. Frey, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0193), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be e-mailed to Nathan_J._Frey@omb.eop.gov or submitted by telephone at (202) 395-7345.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Margaret A. Janney, (301) 415-7245.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of July, 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Tremaine Donnell,

Acting NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 52-018-COL, 52-019-COL; ASLBP No. 08-865-03-COL-BD01]

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; Establishment of Atomic Safety and Licensing Board

Pursuant to delegation by the Commission dated December 29, 1972, published in the *Federal Register*, 37 FR 28,710 (1972), and the Commission's regulations, see 10 CFR 2.104, 2.300, 2.303, 2.309, 2.311, 2.318, and 2.321, notice is hereby given that an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (Board) is being established to preside over the following proceeding:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC

(William States Lee III Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2)

This proceeding concerns a Petition to Intervene and Request for Hearing submitted by the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, and a request to participate in any hearing by the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff, which were submitted in response to an April 28, 2008 Notice of Hearing and Opportunity To Petition for Leave To Intervene on a Combined License for William States Lee III Units 1 and 2 (73 FR 22,978). The Petition to Intervene and Request for Hearing challenges the application filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, pursuant to Subpart C of 10 CFR Part 52 for a combined license for William States Lee III Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, which would be located in Cherokee County, South Carolina.

The Board is comprised of the following administrative judges:

Paul S. Ryerson, Chair, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001;
Nicholas G. Trikouros, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001;
Dr. William H. Murphy, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

All correspondence, documents, and other materials shall be filed in accordance with the NRC E-Filing rule, which the NRC promulgated in August 2007 (72 FR 49,139).

Issued at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of July 2008.

Anthony J. Baratta,

Associate Chief Administrative Judge—Technical, Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-424 and 50-425]

Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc., Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, City of Dalton, GA, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Units 1 and 2; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing and Order Imposing Procedures for Access to Sensitive Unclassified Non-Safeguards Information

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-68 and NPF-81 issued to the Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (the licensee), acting for itself, Georgia Power Company, Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and City of Dalton, Georgia (the owners), for operation of the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP), Units 1 and 2 (VEGP Units 1 and 2) located in Wayne County, Georgia.

This amendment application proposes a one-time steam generator (SG) tubing eddy current inspection interval revision to the VEGP Units 1 and 2, Technical Specifications (TSs) 5.5.9, "Steam Generator (SG) Program," to incorporate an interim alternate repair

criterion in the provisions for SG tube repair criteria during the Unit 2 inspection performed in Refueling Outage 13 and subsequent operating cycle. This amendment application requests approval of an interim alternate repair criterion (IARC) that requires full-length inspection of the tubes within the tubesheet but does not require plugging tubes if any axial or circumferential cracking observed in the region greater than 17 inches below the top of the tubesheet (TTS) is less than a value sufficient to permit the remaining circumferential ligament to transmit the limiting axial loads. This amendment application is required to preclude unnecessary plugging while still maintaining structural and leakage integrity.

This amendment application includes SUNSI (proprietary information). Before issuance of the proposed license amendment, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission's regulations.

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), Section 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. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

(1) Does the proposed change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

Of the various accidents previously evaluated, the proposed changes only affect the steam generator tube rupture (SGTR) event evaluation and the postulated steam line break (SLB), locked rotor and control rod ejection accident evaluations. Loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) conditions cause a compressive axial load to act on the tube. Therefore, since the LOCA tends to force the tube into the tubesheet rather than pull it out, it is not a factor in this licensing amendment request. Another faulted load consideration is a safe shutdown earthquake (SSE); however, the seismic analysis of Model F steam generators has shown that axial loading of the tubes is negligible during an SSE.