

Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice. The authority for this notice is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506 *et seq.*) and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 5-2007 (72 FR 31159).

Signed at Washington, DC, on September 23rd, 2008.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. NRC-2008-0359]

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 July 7, 2008.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.
2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR Part 74—Material Control and Accounting of Special Nuclear Material.
3. *Current OMB approval number:* 3150-0123.
4. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.
5. *How often the collection is required:* Submission is a one-time requirement which has been completed by all current licensees. However, licensees may submit amendments or revisions to the plans as necessary. In addition, specified inventory and material status reports are required annually or semi-annually. Other reports are submitted as events occur.
6. *Who is required or asked to report:* Persons licensed under 10 CFR 70 who possess and use certain forms and

quantities of Special Nuclear Material (SNM).

7. *An estimate of the number of annual responses:* 21.

8. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 19.

9. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* An annual total of 8,589 hours (989 hours for reporting and 7,600 hours for recordkeeping). The average annual burden per respondent for reporting is 47 hours. The average annual burden per recordkeeping for the 110 record keepers is 61 hours.

10. *Abstract:* 10 CFR Part 74 establishes requirements for material control and accounting of SNM, and specific performance-based regulations for licensees authorized to possess, use and produce strategic special nuclear material, and special nuclear material of moderate strategic significance and low strategic significance. The information is used by the NRC to make licensing and regulatory determinations concerning material control and accounting of special nuclear material and to satisfy obligations of the United States to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Submission or retention of the information is mandatory for persons subject to the requirements.

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 November 3, 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 (3150-0123), 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 Russell Nichols, (301) 415-6874.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of September 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Gregory Trussell,

Acting NRC Clearance Officer, Office of Information Services.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. Stn 50-528]

Arizona Public Service Company, et al.; Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Unit 1; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of a temporary exemption from Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50, Section 50.46 and 10 CFR 50, Appendix K, for Facility Operating License No. NPF-41, issued to Arizona Public Service Company (APS, the licensee), for operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS), Unit 1, located in Maricopa County, Arizona. 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 would allow the use of up to eight lead fuel assemblies (LFAs) manufactured by AREVA NP with fuel rods clad with M5 to be inserted into the PVNGS, Unit 1 reactor core during operating Cycles 15, 16, and 17.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's request for exemption dated March 8, 2008, as supplemented by letter dated September 10, 2008.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed temporary exemption is needed to allow the use of M5 LFAs by APS to evaluate cladding for future fuel assemblies that may need to be of a more robust design than current fuel assemblies to allow for possibly higher duty or extended burnup. The regulations specify standards and acceptance criteria only for fuel rods clad with Zircaloy or ZIRLO. Consistent with 10 CFR 50.46, a temporary exemption is required to use fuel rods clad with an advanced alloy that is not Zircaloy or ZIRLO. Therefore, the licensee needs a temporary exemption to insert up to eight LFAs containing new cladding material into the PVNGS,

Unit 1 reactor core for test during operation.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its safety evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed exemption will not present any undue risk to the public health and safety. The safety evaluation performed by Framatome ANP, Inc., "BAW-10227P-A, Evaluation of Advanced Cladding and Structural Material (M5) in PWR Reactor Fuel, Framatome Cogema Fuels, February 2000," demonstrates that the predicted chemical, mechanical, and material performance characteristics of the M5 cladding are within those approved for Zircaloy under anticipated operational occurrences and postulated accidents. Furthermore, the LFAs will be placed in non-limiting locations. In the unlikely event that cladding failures occur in the LFAs, the environmental impact would be minimal and is bounded by previous accident analyses.

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 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 offsite. There is no significant increase in the amount of any effluent released offsite. 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 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 for the PVNGS, Unit 1, NUREG-0841, dated February 1982.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on September 9, 2008, the staff consulted with the Arizona State official, Aubrey Godwin of the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency, 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 March 8, 2008, as supplemented by letter dated September 10, 2008 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Nos. ML080790524 and ML082620212, respectively). Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 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 by telephone at 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, or send an e-mail to pdr.resource@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of September 2008.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Senior Project Manager, Plant Licensing Branch IV, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Notice of Applications for Deregistration under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

September 26, 2008.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of September, 2008. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the Commission's Public Reference Room, 100 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549-1520 (tel. 202-551-5850). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and serving the relevant applicant with a copy of the request, personally or by mail. Hearing requests should be received by the SEC by 5:30 p.m. on October 21, 2008, and should be accompanied by proof of service on the applicant, in the form of an affidavit or, for lawyers, a certificate of service. Hearing requests should state the nature of the writer's interest, the reason for the request, and the issues contested. Persons who wish to be notified of a hearing may request notification by writing to the Secretary, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-1090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane L. Titus at (202) 551-6810, SEC, Division of Investment Management, Office of Investment Company Regulation, 100 F Street, NE., Washington, DC 20549-4041.

AIM Special Opportunities Funds [File No. 811-8697]

Summary: Applicant seeks an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. On April 19, 2007, applicant transferred its assets to corresponding series of AIM Funds Group, based on net asset value. Expenses of \$320,500 incurred in connection with the reorganization were paid by Invesco Aim Advisors, Inc., applicant's investment adviser.

Filing Dates: The application was filed on August 8, 2008, and amended on September 19, 2008.

Applicant's Address: 11 Greenway Plaza, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77046-1173.