

document the status of the individual's teeth and gums and to document when the individual was examined. It will also be used by the contractor's reviewing dentist to document whether or not the individual is dentally cleared to deploy to the Polar regions.

5. *Medical Waivers:* Any individual who is determined to be not physically qualified for polar deployment may request an administrative waiver of the medical screening criteria. This information includes signing a Request for Waiver that is notarized or otherwise legally acceptable in accordance with penalty of perjury statutes, and obtaining an Employer Statement of Support. Individuals on a case-by-case basis may also be asked to submit additional medical documentation and a letter from the individual's physician(s) regarding the individual's medical condition and his or her suitability for Antarctic deployment.

6. *Other information requested:* In addition to the numbered forms and other information mentioned above, the USAP medical screening package includes the following:

- The Medical Risks for NSF-Sponsored Personnel Traveling to Antarctica or Greenland.
- The NSF Privacy Notice.
- The NSF Medical Screening for Blood-borne Pathogens/Consent for HIV Testing.
- The NSF Authorization for Treatment of Field-Team Member/Participant Under the Age of 18 Years. This form will only be sent to the individuals who are under 18 years of age.
- The *Dear Doctor* and *Dear Dentist* letters, which provide specific laboratory and x-ray requirements, as well as other instructions.
- The influenza vaccination requirement letter.

7. *There are two other, non-medical forms included in the mailing:*

- The Personal Information Form—NSF Form Number 1424 includes a Privacy Act Notice. This form is used to collect information on current address and contact numbers, date and place of birth, nationality, citizenship, emergency point of contact information, travel dates, clothing sizes so that we may properly outfit those individuals who deploy, work-site information and prior deployment history.
- The Participant Notifications—Important Notice for Participants in the United States Antarctic or Arctic Program. These forms provide information on the laws, of the nations through which program participants must transit en route to Antarctica or Greenland, regarding the transport,

possession and use of illegal substances and the possibility of criminal prosecution if caught, tried and convicted.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information varies according to the overall health of the individual, the amount of research required to complete the forms, the time it takes to make an appointment, take the examination and schedule and complete any follow-up medical, dental or psychological requirements, the method used to complete the forms and the completeness of the forms submitted. The estimated time is up to six weeks from the time the individual receives the forms until he or she is notified by the contractor of their final clearance status. An additional period of up to eight weeks may be required for the individual who was disqualified to be notified of the disqualification, to request and receive the waiver packet, to obtain employer support and complete the waiver request, to do any follow-up testing, to return the waiver request to the contractor plus any follow-up information, for the contractor to get the completed packet to the National Science Foundation, and for NSF to make and promulgate a decision.

Respondents: All individuals deploying to the Antarctic under the auspices of the United States Antarctic Program and certain Arctic areas must complete these forms. There are approximately 3,000 submissions per year, with a small percentage (c.3%) under the age of 40 who provide annual submissions but with less information.

Estimated Number of Responses per Form: Responses range from 2 to approximately 238 responses.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 28,728 hours; fewer if the individual has previously deployed and saved his or her prior year's data for future use.

Frequency of Responses: Physical qualifications are valid for 12 months. Individuals must complete the forms annually or not earlier than six months prior to their anticipated deployment date, if they are infrequent travelers. Depending on individual medical status some persons may require additional laboratory results to be current within two to six-weeks of anticipated deployment.

Frequency of Responses: Individuals must complete the forms annually to be current within 12 months of their anticipated deployment dates. Depending on individual medical status some persons may require additional laboratory results to be current within

two to six weeks of anticipated deployment.

Dated: January 25, 2011.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-382; NRC-2011-0023]

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, pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), 26.9, "Specific exemptions," from paragraphs (c) and (d) of 10 CFR 26.205, "Work hours," for Facility Operating License No. NPF-38, issued to Entergy Operations, Inc. (Entergy, the licensee), for operation of the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3 (Waterford 3), located in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC prepared an environmental assessment documenting its finding. The NRC concluded that the proposed actions will have no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would consider approval of an exemption for Waterford 3, from some of the requirements of 10 CFR part 26, "Fitness for duty programs." Specifically, the licensee requests approval of an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 26.205(c), "Work hours scheduling," and (d), "Work hour controls," to allow for sequestering site personnel prior to and following the entry and exit conditions (*i.e.*, emergency declaration) related to adverse weather conditions caused by a hurricane.

The licensee states that during declaration of severe weather conditions, such as hurricane watches and warnings or inland hurricane wind watches and warnings caused by a hurricane impacting the coast, adherence to all work hour controls requirements could impede the licensee's ability to use whatever staff resources may be necessary to respond to a plant emergency and ensure that the plant reaches and maintains a safe and secure status.

Since 10 CFR 26.207(d), "Plant emergencies," already provides an exception for the time period associated with a declared emergency, the exemption requested per 10 CFR 26.9 only applies to the applicable time periods prior to and following the 10 CFR 26.207(d) exception, requiring the sequestering of Waterford 3 response personnel and related staff resource limitations.

The proposed exemption will allow the licensee not to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 26.205(c) and (d), from the time the existing entry conditions for declaring an emergency condition that hurricane watches and warnings or inland hurricane wind watches and warnings caused by a hurricane impacting the coast sequestering conditions are met until severe weather exit conditions are satisfied. The exemption will only apply to individuals performing certain types of duties defined in 10 CFR 26.4(a)(1) through (a)(5), namely, (1) Operating or onsite directing of the operation of structures, systems and components (SSCs) that a risk-informed evaluation process has shown to be significant to public health and safety; (2) performing health physics or chemistry duties required as a member of the onsite emergency response organization minimum shift complement; (3) performing the duties of a fire brigade member who is responsible for understanding the effects of fire and fire suppressants on safe shutdown capability; (4) performing maintenance or onsite directing of the maintenance of SSCs that a risk-informed evaluation process has shown to be significant to public health and safety; and (5) performing security duties as an armed security force officer, alarm station operator, response team leader, or watchperson. When crew sequestering exit conditions are met, full compliance with 10 CFR 26.205(c) and (d) will be required.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated May 27, 2010, as supplemented by letters dated November 3 and 29, 2010, which are available to the public in the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Nos. ML101520325, ML103090716, and ML103350158, respectively.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action is needed because the licensee is unable to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 26.205(c) and (d) during existing entry and exit conditions when declarations of severe weather conditions that could result due

to prevailing hurricane watches and warnings or inland hurricane wind watches and warnings caused by a hurricane impacting the coast impacting the facility are made.

Compliance with work hour control requirements would impede the licensee's ability to use whatever staff resources may be necessary to respond to a plant emergency and ensure that the plant reaches and maintains a safe and secure status.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there are no environmental impacts associated with the proposed exemption. The details of the staff's safety evaluation will be provided in the exemption, if approved by the NRC, 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.

The proposed action does not result in changes to land use or water use, or result in changes to the quality or quantity of non-radiological effluents. No changes to the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit are needed. No effects on the aquatic or terrestrial habitat in the vicinity of the plant, or to threatened, endangered, or protected species under the Endangered Species Act, or impacts to essential fish habitat covered by the Magnuson-Stevens Act are expected. There are no impacts to the air or ambient air quality. There are no impacts to historical and cultural resources. There would be no noticeable effect on socioeconomic conditions in the region. Therefore, no changes or different types of non-radiological environmental impacts are expected as a result of the proposed action. Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant environmental impacts associated with the proposed action; therefore, the staff has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed action.

Environmental Impacts of the Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the NRC staff considered denial of the proposed action (*i.e.*, the "no-action" alternative). Denial of the exemption request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. If the proposed action was denied, the licensee would have to comply with the work hour control requirements in 10 CFR 26.205(c) and (d). This would cause unnecessary burden on the licensee, without a significant benefit in environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed exemption and the "no-action" alternative are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

The action does not involve the use of any different resources than those previously considered by the NRC staff in the Final Environmental Statement for Waterford 3, dated September 1981 (NUREG-0779).

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on January 4, 2011, the NRC staff consulted with the Louisiana State official, JiYoung Wiley, Department of Radiological Emergency Preparedness and Response, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The Louisiana State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the above environmental assessment which, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32(a)(4) is incorporated into this finding of no significant impact by reference, 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 May 27, 2010, as supplemented by letters dated November 3 and 29, 2010. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Room O1-F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland 20852-2338. 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 21st day of January 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Numbers 50-498, 50-499; NRC-2010-0375]

STP Nuclear Operating Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct the Scoping Process for South Texas Project, Units 1 and 2

STP Nuclear Operating Company (STPNOC) has submitted an application for renewal of Facility Operating Licenses NPF-76 and NPF-80 for an additional 20 years of operation at the South Texas Project (STP), Units 1 and 2. STP is located near Wadsworth, TX.

The current operating license for STP Unit 1 expires on August 20, 2027, and Unit 2 expires on December 15, 2028. The application for renewal, dated October 25, 2010, was submitted pursuant to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 54, which included an environmental report (ER). A separate notice of receipt and availability of the application was published in the **Federal Register** on December 9, 2010 (75 FRN 76757). A notice of acceptance for docketing of the application and opportunity for hearing regarding renewal of the facility operating license was also published in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 2011 (76 FRN 2426). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will be preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) related to the review of the license renewal application and to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the environmental scoping process, as defined in 10 CFR 51.29.

As outlined in 36 CFR 800.8, "Coordination with the National Environmental Policy Act," the NRC plans to coordinate compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) in meeting the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.8(c),

the NRC intends to use its process and documentation for the preparation of the EIS on the proposed action to comply with Section 106 of the NHPA in lieu of the procedures set forth at 36 CFR 800.3 through 800.6.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.53(c) and 10 CFR 54.23, STPNOC submitted the ER as part of the application. The ER was prepared pursuant to 10 CFR part 51 and is publicly available at the NRC Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852, or from the NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS). The ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room is accessible at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. From this page, the public can gain entry into ADAMS, which provides text and image files of NRC's public documents. The ADAMS Accession Number for the STP ER is ML103010263. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing the documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC's PDR reference staff by telephone at 800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737 or by e-mail at pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ER may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/renewal/applications/south-texas-project.html>. In addition, paper copies of the ER are available to the public for viewing near the site at the Bay City Public Library, 1100 7th Street, Bay City, TX 77414.

Public comments and supporting materials related to this notice can be found at the Federal Rulemaking Web site, <http://www.regulations.gov>, by searching on Docket ID NRC-2010-0375.

This notice advises the public that the NRC intends to gather the information necessary to prepare a plant-specific supplement to the NRC's "Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants," (NUREG-1437) related to the review of the application for renewal of the STP operating licenses for an additional 20 years.

Possible alternatives to the proposed action (license renewal) include no action and reasonable alternative energy sources. The NRC is required by 10 CFR 51.95 to prepare a supplement to the GEIS in connection with the renewal of an operating license. This notice is being published in accordance with NEPA and the NRC's regulations found at 10 CFR part 51.

The NRC will first conduct a scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS and, as soon as practicable thereafter, will prepare a draft supplement to the

GEIS for public comment. Participation in the scoping process by members of the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal government agencies is encouraged. The scoping process for the supplement to the GEIS will be used to accomplish the following:

a. Define the proposed action, which is to be the subject of the supplement to the GEIS;

b. Determine the scope of the supplement to the GEIS and identify the significant issues to be analyzed in depth;

c. Identify and eliminate from detailed study those issues that are peripheral or that are not significant;

d. Identify any environmental assessments and other EISs that are being or will be prepared that are related to, but are not part of, the scope of the supplement to the GEIS being considered;

e. Identify other environmental review and consultation requirements related to the proposed action;

f. Indicate the relationship between the timing of the preparation of the environmental analyses and the Commission's tentative planning and decision-making schedule;

g. Identify any cooperating agencies and, as appropriate, allocate assignments for preparation and schedules for completing the supplement to the GEIS to the NRC and any cooperating agencies; and

h. Describe how the supplement to the GEIS will be prepared and include any contractor assistance to be used.

The NRC invites the following entities to participate in scoping:

a. The applicant, STPNOC;

b. Any Federal agency that has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved or that is authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards;

c. Affected State and local government agencies, including those authorized to develop and enforce relevant environmental standards;

d. Any affected Indian tribe;

e. Any person who requests or has requested an opportunity to participate in the scoping process; and

f. Any person who has petitioned or intends to petition for leave to intervene.

In accordance with 10 CFR 51.26, the scoping process for an EIS may include a public scoping meeting to help identify significant issues related to a proposed activity and to determine the scope of issues to be addressed in an EIS. The NRC has decided to hold public meetings for the STP license renewal supplement to the GEIS. The