

applied to reactors fueled with zircaloy clad fuel are also applicable to reactors fueled with M5 fuel rod cladding.

The underlying purpose of 10 CFR part 50, appendix K, paragraph I.A.5 is to ensure that cladding oxidation and hydrogen generation are appropriately limited during a LOCA and conservatively accounted for in the ECCS evaluation model. Specifically, Appendix K requires that the Baker-Just equation be used in the ECCS evaluation model to determine the rate of energy release, cladding oxidation, and hydrogen generation. Topical Report BAW-10227(P)(A), Revision 1, demonstrated that the Baker-Just model is conservative in the evaluated post-LOCA scenarios with respect to the use of the M5 advanced alloy as a fuel rod cladding material.

Based on the above, the underlying purpose of 10 CFR 50.46 and 10 CFR part 50, Appendix K is still met and literal compliance is not necessary for use of M5 fuel rod cladding. Therefore, the special circumstances required by 10 CFR 50.12 for the granting of an exemption from 10 CFR 50.46 and Appendix K of 10 CFR part 50 exist.

**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 the licensee an exemption from the

requirements of 10 CFR 50.46 and Appendix K of 10 CFR part 50.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (October 26, 2011; 76 FR 6633). This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 31st day of October 2011.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Request for a License To Export Reactor Components**

Pursuant to 10 CFR 110.70 (b) "Public Notice of Receipt of an Application," please take notice that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received the following request for an export license. Copies of the request are available electronically through ADAMS and can be accessed through the Public Electronic Reading Room (PERR) link <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html> at the NRC Homepage.

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene may be filed within thirty days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Any request for hearing or petition for leave

to intervene shall be served by the requestor or petitioner upon the applicant, the office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555; and the Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

A request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene may be filed with the NRC electronically in accordance with NRC's E-Filing rule promulgated in August 2007, 72 Fed. Reg. 49139 (Aug. 28, 2007). Information about filing electronically is available on the NRC's public Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/site-help/e-submittals.html>. To ensure timely electronic filing, at least 5 (five) days prior to the filing deadline, the petitioner/requestor should contact the Office of the Secretary by email at [HEARINGDOCKET@NRC.GOV](mailto:HEARINGDOCKET@NRC.GOV), or by calling (301) 415-1677, to request a digital ID certificate and allow for the creation of an electronic docket.

In addition to a request for hearing or petition for leave to intervene, written comments, in accordance with 10 CFR 110.81, should be submitted within thirty (30) days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** to Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications

The information concerning this application for an export license follows.

**NRC Export License Application**

**DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT**

Name of applicant/date of application/date received/application Number/docket Number	Material type	Total quantity	End use	Destination
Westinghouse Electric Company LLC, August 18, 2011, October 6, 2011, XR174, 11005963.	Complete reactor control rod system and associated equipment.	12	Perform seismic testing necessary for qualification of AP1000 (design) nuclear reactors.	China.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Dated this 27th day of October 2011 at Rockville, Maryland.

**Stephen Dembek,**

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**POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. A2012-32; Order No. 938]

**Post Office Closing**

**AGENCY:** Postal Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document informs the public that an appeal of the closing of the Barronett, Wisconsin post office has been filed. It identifies preliminary steps and provides a procedural schedule. Publication of this document will allow the Postal Service,

petitioners, and others to take appropriate action.

**DATES:** November 9, 2011:

Administrative record due (from Postal Service); November 25, 2011, 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time: Deadline for notices to intervene. See the Procedural Schedule in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for other dates of interest.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments electronically by accessing the "Filing Online" link in the banner at the top of the Commission's Web site (<http://www.prc.gov>) or by directly accessing the Commission's Filing Online system