General Aviation Search and Rescue

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) will convene a 2-day forum focused on general aviation search and rescue operations on July 17 and 18, 2012. In the United States, following the crash of a general aviation airplane, inland searches for the aircraft are conducted by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center, who are supported by numerous Federal, state, local, and volunteer organizations. The forum will concentrate on examining the regulations, policies, and procedures at a Federal level and serve as a platform to facilitate dialog between search organizations, technology manufacturers, and industry groups on the issues currently impacting the general aviation community. Additionally, the forum will spend a second day discussing emerging technologies and how they may shape the future of general aviation search and rescue.

The two-day forum is being chaired by NTSB Chairman Deborah A. P. Hersman and all five Board Members will participate. Panelists participating in the forum will represent government and industry. Search and rescue can often mean the difference between life and death,” said Chairman Hersman. “Unfortunately, every year we see delays in the detection and location of crashed aircraft due to outdated equipment and a failure to coordinate information and assets.”

The NTSB has issued more than two dozen safety recommendations on search and rescue, conducted safety studies addressing ways to improve search and rescue operations and even included general aviation safety on the Most Wanted List of transportation improvements. A detailed agenda and list of participants will be released closer to the date of the event. The forum will be held in the NTSB Board Room and Conference Center, located at 429 L’Enfant Plaza SW., Washington DC. The forum is open to the public and free of charge. In addition, the forum can be viewed via Web cast at www.ntsb.gov. NTSB Media Contact: Terry Williams, (202) 314–6100, terry.williams@ntsb.gov. NTSB Forum Manager: Jason Fedok, 202–314–6645, jason.fedok@ntsb.gov.

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Fuel Oil Systems for Emergency Power Supplies

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Draft regulatory guide; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is issuing for public comment draft regulatory guide (DG), DG–1282, “Fuel Oil Systems for Emergency Power Supplies.” This guide describes a method that the NRC staff considers acceptable for use in complying with the Commission’s requirements regarding fuel oil systems for safety-related emergency diesel generators and oil-fueled gas turbine generators, including assurance of adequate fuel oil quality.

DATES: Submit comments by August 31, 2012. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but the NRC staff is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date. Although a time limit is given, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

ADDRESSES: You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and is publicly available, by searching on http://www.regulations.gov under Docket ID NRC–2012–0159. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

• NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS): You may access publicly available documents online in the NRC Library at http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html. To begin the search, select “ADAMS Public Documents” and then select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1–800–397–4209, 301–415–4737, or by email at: Robert.Radlinski@nrc.gov. The draft regulatory guide is available electronically under ADAMS Accession Number ML121090447. The regulatory analysis is also available under ADAMS Accession No. ML121090459.

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• NRC’s PDR: You may examine and purchase copies of public documents at the NRC’s PDR, Room O1–F21, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID NRC–2012–0159 in the subject line of your comment submission, in order to ensure that the NRC is able to make your comment submission available to the public in this docket.

The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information in
comment submissions that you do not want to be publicly disclosed. The NRC posts all comment submissions at http://www.regulations.gov as well as enters the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information in their comment submissions that they do not want to be publicly disclosed. Your request should state that the NRC will not edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

II. Further Information

The NRC is issuing for public comment a draft guide in the NRC’s “Regulatory Guide” series. This series was developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods that are acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC’s regulations, techniques that the staff uses in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data that the staff needs in its review of applications for permits and licenses.


This guide describes a method that the NRC staff considers acceptable for use in complying with the Commission’s requirements regarding fuel oil systems for safety-related emergency diesel generators and oil-fueled gas turbine generators, including assurance of adequate fuel oil quality.

Proper quantity and quality of fuel oil is necessary for proper operation of the emergency diesel generators and gas turbine generators. Appendix C to ANSI/ANS–59.51–1997, “Recommended Fuel Oil Practices,” addresses recommended practices for maintaining fuel oil quantity and quality. Although not a mandatory part of the standard, the NRC staff believes Appendix C serves as an acceptable basis for a program to maintain the quality of fuel oil, with additions, deletions, and clarifications as contained in this guide.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 26th day of June, 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. Millstone Power Station, Unit 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from the requirements of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Part 50, Appendix R, “Fire Protection Program for Nuclear Power Facilities Operating Prior to January 1, 1979,” for Facility Operating License No. DPR–65 issued to Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. (DNC or the licensee), for operation of the Millstone Power Station, Unit 2 (MPS2) located in town of Waterford, CT. Therefore, as required by 10 CFR 51.21, the NRC staff performed an environmental assessment. Based on the results of the environmental assessment, the NRC staff is issuing a finding of no significant impact.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

DNC proposed that the NRC grant exemptions to certain NRC requirements pertaining to the NRC fire regulations. The proposed action is detailed in the licensee’s application dated June 30, 2011, as supplemented by letter dated February 29, 2012. The licensee’s application and supplemental submission are accessible electronically from the NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under Accession Nos. ML11188A213 and ML12069A016.


The NRC requires plants which credit OMAs for fire protection to achieve and maintain hot shutdown conditions in the fire areas in which both trains of emergency diesel generators can be operated to achieve and maintain hot shutdown conditions in the event of a fire that could disable electrical cables and equipment in the fire areas of MPS2 listed in the licensee’s request for exemption.

The proposed action is requested to permit the licensee an alternate method from those specified in 10 CFR part 50, to achieve and maintain hot shutdown conditions in the event of a fire that could disable electrical cables and equipment in the fire areas of MPS2 listed in the licensee’s request for exemption.

The criteria for granting specific exemptions from 10 CFR part 50 regulations are specified in 10 CFR 50.12. In accordance with 10 CFR 50.12(a)(1), the NRC is authorized to grant an exemption upon determining that 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.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC staff has completed its evaluation of the environmental impact of the proposed action. The NRC staff has concluded that such actions would not adversely affect the environment. The proposed action would not result in an increased radiological hazard. There will be no change to the radioactive effluent releases that affect radiation exposures to plant workers and members of the public. No changes will be made to plant structures or the site property. Therefore, no changes or different types of radiological impacts are expected as a result of the proposed exemption.

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 or the plant, or to threatened, endangered, or...