

using the standards described in 10 CFR 50.92(c), as presented below:

1. Does the proposed exemption involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed exemption is administrative in nature and relates solely to the scheduling requirements of the performance of an exercise of onsite emergency plans. The proposed exemption does not involve any physical plant modifications to SSES, Units 1 and 2. The proposed exemption would not alter the way any structure, system, or component (SSC) functions and would not alter the way SSES, Units 1 and 2 are operated. As such, the proposed exemption would have no impact on the ability of any SSCs to either prevent or mitigate any previously evaluated accidents as described in the SSES, Units 1 and 2 Updated Final Safety Analysis Reports. Therefore, the proposed exemption does not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated.

2. Does the proposed exemption create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No.

The proposed exemption is administrative in nature and relates solely to the scheduling requirements of the performance of an exercise of onsite emergency plans. The proposed exemption does not involve any physical plant modifications to SSES, Units 1 and 2. The proposed exemption would not alter the way any SSC functions and would not alter the way SSES, Units 1 and 2 are operated. As such, the proposed exemption would not introduce any credible new failure mechanisms, malfunctions, or accident initiators not already considered in the design and licensing bases. Therefore, the proposed exemption does not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident than any previously evaluated.

3. Does the proposed exemption involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No.

The margin of safety is associated with the confidence in the ability of the fission product barriers (i.e., fuel cladding, reactor coolant pressure boundary, and containment structure) to limit the level of radiation to the public. There are no physical plant modifications associated with the proposed exemption. The proposed exemption would not alter the way any SSC functions and would not alter the

way SSES, Units 1 and 2 are operated. The proposed exemption would not introduce any new uncertainties or change any existing uncertainties associated with any safety limit. The proposed exemption would have no impact on the structural integrity of the fuel cladding, reactor coolant pressure boundary, or containment structure. Based on the above considerations, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed exemption would not degrade the confidence in the ability of the fission product barriers to limit the level of radiation to the public. Therefore, the proposed exemption does not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

Based on the above evaluation, the NRC staff concludes that no significant hazards consideration is involved for the proposed exemption (i.e., satisfies the provisions of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(i)).

Requirements in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(ii) Through 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi)

The proposed exemption is administrative in nature and relates solely to the scheduling requirements of the performance of an exercise of onsite emergency plans. The proposed exemption does not involve any physical plant modifications to SSES, Units 1 and 2. The proposed exemption would not alter the way any SSC functions and would not alter the way SSES, Units 1 and 2 are operated. As such, the NRC staff concludes that granting the proposed exemption: (1) Would not result in a significant change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite (i.e., satisfies the provisions of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(ii)); (2) would not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure (i.e., satisfies the provisions of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(iii)); (3) would have no significant construction impact (i.e., satisfies the provisions of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(iv)); and (4) would not result in a significant increase in the potential for or consequences from a radiological accident (i.e., satisfies the provisions of 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(v)). In addition, the requirements from which the proposed exemption is sought involve scheduling requirements, therefore satisfying the provisions of 10 CFR 51.22 (c)(25)(vi)(G).

Conclusion

Based on the above, the NRC staff concludes that the proposed exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(i) through 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25)(vi). Therefore, pursuant to

10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment is required to be prepared in connection with the proposed issuance of the exemption.

5.0 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 PPL Susquehanna, LLC an exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, Appendix E, Section IV.F.2.b to conduct the onsite portion of the biennial EP exercise required for 2012, permitting that part of the exercise be conducted by February 26, 2013 for the Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Units 1 and 2. This conclusion is based on the licensee's commitment to conduct the postponed exercise by February 26, 2013. As such, the calendar biennium will continue to be determined from the previous exercise date (i.e., the next evaluated exercise is expected to be performed in 2014).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 14th day of December 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2012-0220]

Standard Review Plan for Review of Fuel Cycle Facility License Applications

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: NUREG revision; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On December 7, 2012 (77 FR 73060), the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), solicited comments on the proposed changes to NUREG-1520, Revision 1, "Standard Review Plan (SRP) for the Review of a License Application for a Fuel Cycle Facility." The NRC is extending the public comment period for its SRP from January 7, 2013, to March 7, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may access information and comment submissions related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publicly available, by searching on <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID NRC-2012-0220. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0220. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301-492-3668; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov.

- *Mail comments to:* Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch (RADB), Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWB-05-B01M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

- *Fax comments to:* RADB at 301-492-3446.

For additional direction on accessing information and submitting comments, see "Accessing Information and Submitting Comments" in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Soly I. Soto, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-492-3147; email: Soly.Soto@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Accessing Information and Submitting Comments

A. Accessing Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2012-0220 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access information related to this document, which the NRC possesses and are publicly available, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Web site:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2012-0220.

- *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 to pdr.resource@nrc.gov. The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced in this document (if that document is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that

a document is referenced. NUREG-1520, Revision 1 is available under ADAMS Accession No. ML101390110.

- *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-2012-0220 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 that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <http://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely 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 that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions available to the public or entering the comment submissions into ADAMS.

C. Receiving Alerts

The NRC may post additional information related to revising NUREG-1520, including meeting notices, to the Federal rulemaking Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov>, under Docket ID NRC-2012-0220. The Federal rulemaking Web site allows you to receive alerts when changes or additions occur in a docket folder. To subscribe: (1) Navigate to the docket folder (NRC-2012-0220); (2) click the "Email Alert" link; and (3) enter your email address and select how frequently you would like to receive emails (daily, weekly, or monthly). In addition, public meeting notices will be posted on the NRC's Public Meeting Schedule Web site, <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>, at least 10 days prior to the meeting. Therefore, the comment submittal period is extended from the original date of January 7, 2013, to March 7, 2013.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 13th day of December 2012.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Administrative Appeals

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of intent to request extension of OMB approval of information collection.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") intends to request the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") to extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information under its regulation on Rules for Administrative Review of Agency Decisions. This notice informs the public of PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by February 19, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the Web site instructions for submitting comments.

Email: paperwork.comments@pbgc.gov.

Fax: 202-326-4224.

Mail or Hand Delivery: Regulatory Affairs Group, Office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026.

PBGC will make all comments available on its Web site, www.pbgc.gov.

Copies of the collection of information may also be obtained without charge by writing to the Disclosure Division of the Office of the General Counsel of PBGC at the above address or by visiting the Disclosure Division or calling 202-326-4040 during normal business hours. (TTY and TDD users may call the Federal relay service toll-free at 1-800-877-8339 and ask to be connected to 202-326-4040.) PBGC's regulation on Administrative Appeals may be accessed on PBGC's Web site at www.pbgc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine B. Klion, Assistant General