Reauthorization Act of 2010 § 505, codified in the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended, established the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation. NCSES supports surveys that measure the level of basic factual knowledge of science among the American public and prepares information on this topic for dissemination in Science and Engineering Indicators, a biennial publication of the National Science Board (NSB), NSF’s governing body. Survey questions cover topics in biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, and other sciences. NCSES is proposing to conduct a series of survey-based experiments in which question wording and content are systematically varied in order to test the sensitivity of survey measures of factual knowledge of biological evolution and the origins of the universe to variations in question design. These experiments will be conducted via an Internet survey. Data from these experiments may be used in Science and Engineering Indicators to address the effects of question design on survey estimates of public science knowledge and the relationship between understanding and acceptance of scientific conclusions. Results from this research may also be reported in scholarly research publications.

Expected Respondents: Approximately 3,500 U.S. adults (persons aged 18+) will be responding to the survey.

Estimate of Burden: The Foundation estimates that, on average, 15 minutes per respondent will be required to complete the survey. The annual respondent burden for completing the survey is therefore estimated at 875 hours, based on 3,500 respondents.

Dated: June 20, 2013.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 052–00026; NRC–2008–0252]

Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 4; Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Determination of inspections, tests, analyses, and acceptance criteria completion.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff has determined that the inspections, tests, and analyses have been successfully completed, and that the specified acceptance criteria are met for Inspections, Tests, Analyses, and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC) E.2.5.04.05.05.01, for the Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 4.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2008–0252 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 is publicly available, using any of the following methods:

• Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC–2008–0252. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–492–3668; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section of this document.

• 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.

• 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.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Licensee Notification of Completion of ITAAC

On May 7, 2013, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Inc. (the licensee) submitted an ITAAC closure notification (ICN) under § 52.99(c)(1) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) informing the NRC that the licensee has successfully performed the required inspections, tests, and analyses for ITAAC E.2.5.04.05.05.01, and that the specified acceptance criteria are met for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 4 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13127A390). This ITAAC was approved as part of the issuance of the combined license, NPF–92, for this facility.

NRC Staff Determination of Completion of ITAAC

The NRC staff has determined that the inspections, tests, and analyses have been successfully completed, and that the specified acceptance criteria are met for Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, Unit 4, ITAAC E.2.5.04.05.05.01. This notice fulfills the staff’s obligations under 10 CFR 52.99(e)(1) to publish a notice in the Federal Register of the NRC staff’s determination of the successful completion of inspections, tests, and analyses.

The documentation of the NRC staff’s determination is in the ITAAC Closure Verification Evaluation Form (VEF), dated June 5, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13162A231). The VEF is a form that represents the NRC staff’s structured process for reviewing ICNs. The ICN presents a narrative description of how the ITAAC was completed, and the NRC’s ICF review process involves a determination on whether, among other things, (1) the ICN provides sufficient information, including a summary of the methodology used to perform the ITAAC, to demonstrate that the inspections, tests, and analyses have been successfully completed; (2) the ICN provides sufficient information to demonstrate that the acceptance criteria are met; and (3) any required inspections for the ITAAC have been completed and any ITAAC findings associated with the ITAAC have been closed.

The NRC staff’s determination of the successful completion of this ITAAC is based on information available at this time and is subject to the licensee’s ability to maintain the condition that the acceptance criteria are met. If new information disputes the NRC staff’s determination, this ITAAC will be reopened as necessary. The NRC staff’s determination will be used to support a subsequent finding, pursuant to 10 CFR 52.103(g), that the end of construction that all acceptance criteria in the combined license are met. The ITAAC closure process is not finalized for this ITAAC until the NRC makes an affirmative finding under 10 CFR 52.103(g). Any future updates to the status of this
RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD
Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB’s estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection: RUIA Investigations and Continuing Entitlement; OMB 3220–0025.

Under Section 1(k) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), unemployment and sickness benefits are not payable for any day remuneration is payable or accrues to the claimant. Also Section 4(a–1) of the RUIA provides that unemployment or sickness benefits are not payable for any day the claimant receives the same benefits under any law other than the RUIA. Under Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) regulations, 20 CFR 322.4(a), a claimant’s certification or statement on an RRB-provided claim form that he or she did not work on any day claimed and did not receive income such as vacation pay or pay for time lost shall constitute sufficient evidence unless there is conflicting evidence. Further, under 20 CFR 322.4(b), when there is a question raised as to whether or not remuneration is payable or has accrued to a claimant with respect to a claimed day or days, an investigation shall be made with a view to obtaining information sufficient for a finding. The RRB utilizes the following four forms to obtain information from railroad employers, nonrailroad employers, and claimants, that is needed to determine whether a claimed day or days of unemployment or sickness were improperly or fraudulently claimed: Form ID–5i, Request for Employment Information; Form ID–5R (SUP), Report of Employees Paid RUIA Benefits for Every Day in Month Reported as Month of Creditable Service; Form ID–49R, Railroad Payroll Record Check; and Form UI–48, Statement Regarding Benefits Claimed for Days Worked. Completion is voluntary. One response is requested of each respondent.

To qualify for unemployment or sickness benefits payable under Section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), a railroad employee must have certain qualifying earnings in the applicable base year. In addition, to qualify for extended or accelerated benefits under Section 2 of the RUIA, a railroad employee who has exhausted his or her rights to normal benefits must have at least 10 years of railroad service (under certain conditions, military service may be credited as months of railroad service). Accelerated benefits are unemployment or sickness benefits that are payable to a railroad employee before the regular July 1 beginning date of a benefit year if an employee has 10 or more years of service and is not qualified for benefits in the current benefit year.

During the RUIA claims review process, the RRB may determine that unemployment or sickness benefits cannot be awarded because RRB records show insufficient qualifying service and/or compensation. When this occurs, the RRB allows the claimant the opportunity to provide additional information if they believe that the RRB service and compensation records are incorrect.

Dependent on the circumstances, the RRB provides the following forms to obtain information needed to determine if a claimant has sufficient service or compensation to qualify for unemployment or sickness benefits.

Form UI–9, Statement of Employment and Wages; Form UI–23, Statement of Service for Railroad Unemployment Insurance Benefits; Form UI–44, Claim for Credit for Military Service; Form ID–4F, Advising of Ineligibility for Unemployment Benefits; Form ID–4U, Advising of Service/Earnings Requirements for Unemployment Benefits; Form ID–4X, Advising of Service/Earnings Requirements for Sickness Benefits; Form ID–4Y, Advising of Ineligibility for Sickness Benefits; Form ID–20–1, Advising That Normal Unemployment Benefits Are About to Be Exhausted; Form ID–20–2, Advising the Normal Sickness Benefits Are About to Be Exhausted; and Form ID–20–4, Advising That Normal Sickness Benefits Are About to Be Exhausted/Non-Entitlement.

Completion of these forms is required to obtain or retain a benefit. Response is required of each respondent. The RRB proposes to add to Items 4a and 5a of Form UI–48, Statement Regarding Benefits Claimed for Days Worked, two “go to” references to improve navigating the form. The RRB also proposes to remove the following seven forms from the information collection due to under 10 responses a year: ID–4F, ID–4Y, ID–20–1, ID–20–2, ID–20–4, ID–49R, and UI–23.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN
[The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows]