NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

Information Security Oversight Office
[ NARA–2014–010 ]

State, Local, Tribal, and Private Sector Policy Advisory Committee (SLTP–PAC)

AGENCY: National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

ACTION: Meeting Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. appendix 2), the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) announces a meeting of the State, Local, Tribal, and Private Sector Policy Advisory Committee (SLTP–PAC). The meeting will be held to discuss matters relating to the Classified National Security Information Program for State, Local, Tribal, and Private Sector Entities. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 24, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: National Archives and Records Administration; 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Jefferson Room; Washington, DC 20408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert J. Skwirot, Senior Program Analyst, ISOO, National Archives Building; 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20408, at (202) 357–5398, or at robert.skwirot@nara.gov. Contact ISOO at ISOO@nara.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to space limitations and access procedures, you must submit to ISOO no later than Friday, January 17, 2014, the name and telephone number of individuals planning to attend. ISOO will provide additional instructions for gaining access to the location of the meeting.

DATED: December 5, 2013.

Patrice Little Murray,
Acting Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.


SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adrian Dahood, ACA Permit Officer, Division of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Or by email: ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 5, 2013 the National Science Foundation published a notice in the Federal Register of a permit application received. After considering all comments received, the permit was issued on December 6, 2013 to: Ron Naveen, Permit No. 2014–024.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permits Issued Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.


SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permits issued under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. This is the required notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Adrian Dahood, ACA Permit Officer, Division of Polar Programs, Rm. 755, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Or by email: ACApermits@nsf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 4, 2013 the National Science Foundation published a notice in the Federal Register of a permit application received. After considering all comments received, the permit was issued on December 6, 2013 to: Lynn Reed, Permit No. 2014–023.

Nadene G. Kennedy,
Polar Coordination Specialist, Division of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[ Docket No. 52–036; NRC–2008–0616 ]

Entergy Operations, Inc.; Combined License Application for River Bend Unit 3, Exemption From the Requirements To Update a Final Safety Analysis Report Submitted as Part of a Combined License Application

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Exemption.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an exemption in response to a September 30, 2013, request from Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) which requested an exemption from Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) updates included in their Combined License (COL) application. The NRC staff reviewed this request and determined that it is appropriate to grant the exemption, but stipulated that the updates to the FSAR must be submitted prior to, or coincident with, the resumption of the COL application review or by December 31, 2014, whichever comes first.

ADDRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2008–0616 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

• Federal Rulemaking Web site: Go to http://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket ID NRC–2008–0616. Address questions about NRC dockets to Carol Gallagher; telephone: 301–287–3422; email: Carol.Gallagher@nrc.gov. For technical questions, contact the individuals 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 the 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
John Klos, Office of New Reactors, U.S.
Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Washington, DC, 20555–0001;
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John.Klos@nrc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
The following sections include the text of
the exemption in its entirety as issued to
EOI.

1.0 Background
On September 25, 2008, EOI
submitted to the NRC a COL application for one Economic Simplified Boiling-
Water Reactor to be constructed and
operated near St. Francisville, Louisiana in West Feliciana Parish. The NRC
accepted for docketing the River Bend
Station Unit 3 (RBS3) COL application on December 4, 2008 (Agencywide
Documents Access and Management
System (ADAMS) Accession No.
ML083370275, Docket No. 52–036). On
January 9, 2009, EOI requested that the
NRC temporarily suspend review of the
application and the NRC granted EOI’s request (ADAMS Accession No.
ML090080277) while the application
remained docketed. On December 3,
2012 (ADAMS Accession No.
ML12342A231), EOI submitted updates
to the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR), per Section 50.71(e)(3)(iii) of Title 10 of the Code of Federal
Regulations (10 CFR). On September 30,
2013 (ADAMS Accession No.
ML13275A066), EOI requested an exemption from the 10 CFR
50.71(e)(3)(iii) requirements to submit
COL FSAR updates.

2.0 Request/Action
Section 50.71(e)(3)(iii) requires that an applicant for a COL under Subpart C
of 10 CFR Part 50, must update their
FSAR annually during the period from
doctoring the application to the
Commission making its 10 CFR
52.103(g) finding.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) the
next annual update of the FSAR
concerning the RBS3 COL application
due would be in December 2013 as EOI
included an update to the FSAR in a
letter dated December 3, 2012 (ADAMS
Accession No. ML12342A231). By letter
dated January 9, 2009, EOI requested that
the NRC suspend review of the
RBS3 COL. The NRC granted EOI’s
request for suspension (ADAMS
Accession No. ML090080277) and all
review activities related to the RBS3
COL application were suspended while
the application remained docketed. In a
letter dated, September 30, 2013
(ADAMS Accession No. ML13275A066),
EOI requested that the RBS3 COL
application be exempt from the 10 CFR
50.71(e)(3)(iii) requirements until the
time that EOI requests the NRC to
resume the review of the RBS3 COL
application review is made by EOI. Prior
to, or coincident with this reactivation request, EOI commits to submit an
updated FSAR.

EOI’s requested exemption is
interpreted as a one-time schedule
change from the requirements of 10 CFR
50.71(e)(3)(iii). The exemption would
allow EOI to submit the next FSAR
update at a later date, but still in
advance of NRC’s reinstating its review
of the application and in any event, by
December 31, 2014. The current FSAR
update requirement could not be
changed, absent the exemption.

3.0 Discussion
Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12 the
Commission may, upon application by
any interested person or upon its own
initiative, grant exemptions from the
requirements of 10 CFR Part 50,
including 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) when:
(1) The exemption(s) are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to
public health or safety, and are
consistent with the common defense and
security; and (2) special circumstances are present. As relevant to the requested exemption, special circumstances exist if: “Application of the regulation in the particular circumstance would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule” (10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(iii)) and if “the exemption would provide only temporary relief from the applicable regulation and the licensee or applicant has made good faith efforts to comply with the regulation” (10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(v)).

The purpose of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) is to ensure that the NRC has the most
up to date information regarding the
COL application, in order to perform an
efficient and effective review. The rule
targeted those applications that are being actively reviewed by the NRC.
Because EOI requested the NRC to
suspend its review of the RBS3 COL
application, compelling EOI to submit
its FSAR on an annual basis is not
necessary as the FSAR will not be
changed or updated until the review is
resumed. Requiring the updates would
result in undue hardship on EOI, and
the purpose of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii)
would be lost if the update is
submitted prior to reactivating the
review and in any event by December 31, 2014.

The requested exemption to defer
submittal of the next update to the
FSAR included in the RBS3 COL
application would provide only
temporary relief from the regulations of
10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii). As evidenced by
the proper submittal of annual updates on December 6, 2010 (ADAMS
Accession No. ML1034400074),
December 7, 2011 (ADAMS Accession
No. ML11343A368), and December 3,
2012 (ADAMS Accession No.
ML12342A231), EOI has made good faith efforts to comply with 10 CFR
50.71(e)(3)(iii) prior to requesting suspension of the review. EOI’s
exemption request asks the NRC to grant
exemption from 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii)
until a reactivation request is made by
EOI for the RBS3 COL application.
Because such a request is seen as open-
ended and therefore not temporary, the
NRC included a December 31, 2014, deadline as part of its review of the
exemption request.

For the reasons stated above, the
application of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) in
this particular circumstance can be
deemed unnecessary and the granting of
the exemption would allow only
temporary relief from a rule that the
applicant had made good faith efforts to
comply with, therefore special
circumstances are present.

Authorized by Law
The exemption is a one-time schedule
exemption from the requirements of 10
CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii). The exemption
would allow EOI to submit the next
RBS3 FSAR update on or before
December 31, 2014, in lieu of the
required scheduled submittal in
December 2013. As stated above, 10 CFR
50.12 allows the NRC to grant
exemptions from the requirements of 10
CFR Part 50. The NRC staff has
determined that granting EOI the
requested one-time exemption from the
requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii)
will provide only temporary relief from
this regulation and will not result in a
violation of the Atomic Energy Act of
1954, as amended, or the NRC’s
regulations. Therefore, the exemption is
authorized by law.

No Undue Risk to Public Health and
Safety
The underlying purposes of 10 CFR
50.71(e)(3)(iii), is to provide for a timely
and comprehensive update of the FSAR
associated with a COL application in
order to support an effective and
efficient review by the NRC staff and
issuance of the NRC staff’s safety
evaluation report. The requested
exemption is solely administrative in
nature, in that it pertains to the
Special circumstances, in accordance with 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(v) are present whenever the exemption would provide only temporary relief from the regulation and the applicant has made good faith efforts to comply with this regulation. Because of the assumed and imposed new deadline of December 31, 2014, EOI's exemption request seeks only temporary relief from the requirement that it file an update to the FSAR included in the RBS3 COL application. Therefore, since the relief from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) would be temporary and the applicant has made good faith efforts to comply with the rule, and the underlying purpose of the rule is not served by application of the rule in this circumstance, the special circumstances required by 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii) and 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(v) for the granting of an exemption from 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) exist.

Eligibility for Categorical Exclusion From Environmental Review

With respect to the exemption's impact on the quality of the human environment, the NRC has determined that this specific exemption request is eligible for categorical exclusion as identified in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25) and justified by the NRC staff as follows:

(c) The following categories of actions are categorical exclusions:

(25) Granting of an exemption from the requirements of any regulation of this chapter, provided that—

(i) There is no significant hazards consideration;

(ii) There is no significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or

(iii) There is no significant increase in the types or significant increase in the amounts of effluents that may be released offsite.

(iv) There is no significant increase in individual or cumulative public or occupational radiation exposure.

Since the proposed action involves only a schedule change which is administrative in nature, it does not contribute to any significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure.

(v) There is no significant construction impact;

The proposed action involves only a schedule change which is administrative in nature; the application review is suspended until further notice, and there is no consideration of any construction at this time, and hence the proposed action does not involve any construction impact.

(vi) The requirements from which an exemption is sought involve:

(B) Reporting requirements;

The exemption request involves submitting an updated FSAR by EOI and

(C) Scheduling requirements;

The proposed exemption relates to the schedule for submitting FSAR updates to the NRC.

4.0 Conclusion

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(1) and (2), 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 EOI a one-time exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) pertaining to the River Bend Station Unit 3 COL application to allow submittal of the next FSAR update prior to, or coincident with any request to the NRC to resume the review, and in any event, no later than December 31, 2014.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22, the Commission has determined that the exemption request meets the applicable categorical exclusion criteria set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(25), and the granting of this exemption will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment.

This exemption is effective upon issuance.
NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 52–024; NRC–2008–0233]

Entergy Operations, Inc.; Combined License Application for Grand Gulf Unit 3; Exemption From the License Application for Grand Gulf Operations, Inc.; Combined License Application

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing an exemption in response to a September 30, 2013, request from Entergy Operations, Inc. (EOI) which requested an exemption from Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) updates included in their Combined License (COL) application. The NRC staff reviewed this request and determined that it is appropriate to grant the exemption, but stipulated that the updates to the FSAR must be submitted prior to, or coincident with, the resumption of the COL application review or by December 31, 2014, whichever comes first.

ADRESSES: Please refer to Docket ID NRC–2008–0233 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may access publicly-available information related to this action by the following methods:

For further information contact:


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following sections include the text of the exemption in its entirety as issued to EOI.

1.0 Background

On February 27, 2008, EOI submitted to the NRC a COL application for one Economic Simplified Boiling-Water Reactor to be constructed and operated at the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station (GGNS) site in Claiborne County, Mississippi. The NRC accepted for docketing the Grand Gulf Nuclear Station Unit 3 (GGNS3) COL application on April 17, 2008 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML081050460, Docket No. 52–024). On January 9, 2009, EOI requested that the NRC temporarily suspend review of the application and the NRC granted EOI’s request (ADAMS Accession No. ML090080523) while the application remained docketed. On December 3, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12342A231), EOI submitted updates to the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR), per Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) Subsection 50.71(e)(3)(iii). On September 30, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13275A065), EOI requested an exemption from the 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) requirements to submit COL FSAR updates.

2.0 Request/Action

10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) requires that an applicant for a COL under Subpart C of 10 CFR Part 52, must update their FSAR annually during the period from docketing the application to the Commission making its 52.103(g) finding. Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) the next annual update of the FSAR included in the GGNS3 COL application would be due in December 2013 as EOI included an update to the FSAR in a letter dated December 3, 2012 (ADAMS Accession No. ML12342A231). By letter dated January 9, 2009, (ADAMS Accession No. ML090080523) EOI requested that the NRC suspend review of the GGNS3 COL. The NRC granted EOI’s request for suspension and all review activities related to the GGNS3 COL application were suspended while the application remained docketed. In a letter dated, September 30, 2013 (ADAMS Accession No. ML13275A065), EOI requested that the GGNS3 COL application be exempt from the 50.71(e)(3)(iii) requirements until the time that EOI requests the NRC to resume the review of the GGNS3 COL application. Prior to, or coincident with this reactivation request, EOI commits to submit an updated FSAR.

EOI’s requested exemption is interpreted as a one-time schedule change from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii). The exemption would allow EOI to submit the next FSAR update at a later date, but still in advance of NRC’s resuming its review of the application and in any event, by December 31, 2014. The current FSAR update schedule could not be changed, absent the exemption.

3.0 Discussion

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12 the Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii), including Section 50.71(e)(3)(iii) when: (1) The exemption(s) are authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to public health or safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security; and (2) special circumstances are present. As relevant to the requested exemption, special circumstances exist if: “application of the regulation in the particular circumstances would not serve the underlying purpose of the rule or is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule” (10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(iii)) and if “the exemption would provide only temporary relief from the applicable regulation and the licensee or applicant has made good faith efforts to comply with the regulation” (10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(v)). The purpose of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(3)(iii) is to ensure that the NRC has the most up to date information regarding the COL application, in order to perform an efficient and effective review. The rule targeted those applications that are being actively reviewed by the NRC. Pursuant to EOI’s request the NRC to suspend its review of the GGNS3 COL application, compelling EOI to submit...