NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
[Docket No. 50–193; NRC–2016–0213]
Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: License renewal; issuance.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued a renewal of Facility Operating License No. R–95, held by the Rhode Island Atomic Energy Commission (RINSC) reactor, for the continued operation of its Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center reactor for an additional 20 years from the date of issuance. The facility is located on the Narragansett Bay Campus of the University of Rhode Island in Narragansett, Rhode Island.

DATES: The renewed facility operating license No. R–95 is effective on January 5, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NRC has issued renewed Facility Operating License No. R–95, held by the licensee, which authorizes continued operation of the RINSC reactor, located on the Narragansett Bay Campus of the University of Rhode Island in Narragansett, Rhode Island. The RINSC reactor is a heterogeneous open pool-type, natural and forced convection, light-water cooled and shielded reactor. The renewed license authorizes the licensee to operate the RINSC reactor up to a steady-state power level of 2 megawatts thermal. The renewed Facility Operating License No. R–95 will expire 20 years from its date of issuance, January 5, 2017.

The renewed facility operating license complies with the standards and requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), and the Commission’s rules and regulations. The Commission has made appropriate findings as required by the Act and the Commission’s regulations in chapter I of title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), and sets forth those findings in the renewed facility operating license. The agency afforded an opportunity for hearing in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing published in the Federal Register on October 24, 2016 (81 FR 73148). The NRC received no request for a hearing or petition for leave to intervene following the notice.

The NRC staff prepared a safety evaluation report (SER)—Renewal of the Facility Operating License for the Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center Reactor related to the renewal of Facility Operating License No. R–95 and concluded, based on that evaluation, that the licensee can continue to operate the facility without endangering the health and safety of the public. The NRC staff also prepared an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact regarding the renewal of the facility operating license, noticed in the Federal Register on January 5, 2017 (82 FR 1364), and concluded that renewal of the facility operating license will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment.

Availability of Documents

The documents identified in the following table are available to interested persons through ADAMS accessions numbers, as indicated. The SER, prepared by the NRC staff for the license renewal, is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML16337A325.

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"Response to Request for Additional Information Concerning Plans for Decommissioning Facility at the End of Useful Life Ref Item 3 Parts a, b, and c," January 19, 2010.
"Rhode Island Nuclear Science Center, Appendix A to Safety Analysis Report, Information on Ar–41 and N–16," (received December 5, 2016), February 4, 2010.
"Responding to Requests for Additional Information (RAI) regarding our Analysis of the Maximum Hypothetical Accident (MHA) for Renewal of License R–95," August 18, 2010.
For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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[Docket No. 52–047; NRC–2016–0119]  

Tennessee Valley Authority; Clinch River Nuclear Site

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Early site permit application; acceptance for docketing.

SUMMARY: On May 12, 2016, the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) submitted an application to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for an early site permit (ESP) for the Clinch River Nuclear Site located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. A notice of receipt and availability of this application was published in the Federal Register on June 23, 2016. The TVA also provided supplemental information in support of the application to the NRC.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 5th day of January, 2017.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.