

exemption is required by paragraph A.4 of section VIII, "Processes for Changes and Departures," appendix D, to 10 CFR part 52 to allow the licensee to depart from Tier 1 information. With the requested amendment, the licensee proposed changes to plant-specific Tier 1 information and corresponding changes to COL Appendix C and associated plant-specific DCD Tier 2 material incorporated into the VEGP UFSAR, by revising information to address the need for mitigation of fire protection system flooding of the Auxiliary Building identified during completion of the pipe rupture hazards analysis. The exemption met all applicable regulatory criteria set forth in 10 CFR 50.12, 10 CFR 52.7, and section VIII.A.4 of appendix D to 10 CFR part 52. The license amendment met all applicable regulatory criteria and was found to be acceptable as well. The combined safety evaluation is available in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18017A261.

Identical exemption documents (except for referenced unit numbers and license numbers) were issued to the licensee for VEGP Units 3 and 4 (COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92). The exemption documents for VEGP Units 3 and 4 can be found in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML18017A608 and ML18017A524, respectively. The exemption is reproduced (with the exception of abbreviated titles and additional citations) in Section II of this document. The amendment documents for COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92 are available in ADAMS under Accession Nos. ML18017A386 and ML18017A577, respectively. A summary of the amendment documents is provided in Section III of this document.

II. Exemption

Reproduced below is the exemption document issued to VEGP Units 3 and Unit 4. It makes reference to the combined safety evaluation that provides the reasoning for the findings made by the NRC (and listed under Item 1) in order to grant the exemption:

1. In a letter dated March 31, 2017, as supplemented and revised by letters dated August 21, October 9, November 1, December 1 and December 15, 2017, and January 3, 2018, Southern Nuclear Operating Company requested from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) an exemption to allow departures from Tier 1 information in the certified DCD incorporated by reference in Title 10 CFR part 52, appendix D, "Design Certification Rule for the AP1000 Design," as part of license amendment request (LAR) 17-010, "Request for License Amendment

and Exemption: Pipe Rupture Hazard and Flooding Analyses."

For the reasons set forth in Section 3.1 of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation, which can be found at ADAMS Accession No. ML18017A261 the Commission finds that:

A. The exemption is authorized by law;

B. the exemption presents no undue risk to public health and safety;

C. the exemption is consistent with the common defense and security;

D. special circumstances are present in that the application of the rule in this circumstance is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule;

E. the special circumstances outweigh any decrease in safety that may result from the reduction in standardization caused by the exemption; and

F. the exemption will not result in a significant decrease in the level of safety otherwise provided by the design.

2. Accordingly, the licensee is granted an exemption from the certified AP1000 DCD Tier 1 information, with corresponding changes to Appendix C of the Facility Combined License as described in the request dated March 31, 2017, as supplemented and revised by letters dated August 21, October 9, November 1, December 1 and December 15, 2017 and January 3, 2018. This exemption is related to, and necessary for, the granting of License Amendment Nos. 107 and 106, which is issued concurrently with this exemption.

3. As explained in Section 6.0 of the NRC staff's Safety Evaluation (ADAMS Accession Number ML18017A261, this exemption meets the eligibility criteria for categorical exclusion set forth in 10 CFR 51.22(c)(9). Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment needs to be prepared in connection with the issuance of the exemption.

4. This exemption is effective as of the date of its issuance.

III. License Amendment Request

By letter dated March 31, 2017 (ADAMS Accession No. ML17090A570), and revised and supplemented by letters dated August 21, October 9, November 1, December 1, and December 15, 2017, and January 3, 2018 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML17233A325, ML17282A014, ML17305B507, ML17335A762, ML17349A928, and ML18003B082, respectively), the licensee requested that the NRC amend the COLs for VEGP, Units 3 and 4, COLs NPF-91 and NPF-92. The proposed amendment is described in Section I of this **Federal Register** notice.

The Commission has determined for these amendments that the application 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 rules and regulations in 10 CFR chapter I, which are set forth in the license amendment.

A notice of consideration of issuance of amendment to facility operating license or COL, as applicable, proposed no significant hazards consideration determination, and opportunity for a hearing in connection with these actions, was published in the **Federal Register** on June 6, 2017 (82 FR 26123). No comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

The Commission has determined that these amendments satisfy the criteria for categorical exclusion in accordance with 10 CFR 51.22. Therefore, pursuant to 10 CFR 51.22(b), no environmental impact statement or environmental assessment need be prepared for these amendments.

IV. Conclusion

Using the reasons set forth in the combined safety evaluation, the staff granted the exemption and issued the amendment that the licensee requested by letter dated March 31, 2017, (ADAMS Accession No. ML17090A570) and revised and supplemented by letters dated August 21, October 9, November 1, December 1, and December 15, 2017, and January 3, 2018 (ADAMS Accession Nos. ML17233A325, ML17282A014, ML17305B507, ML17335A762, ML17349A928, and ML18003B082, respectively).

The exemption and amendment were issued to the licensee on February 1, 2018, as part of a combined package (ADAMS Accession No. ML18017A721).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of March, 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Reactor Licensing, Office of New Reactors.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for Review: Evidence To Prove Dependency of a Child, RI 25-37

AGENCY: Office of Personnel
Management.

ACTION: 30-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management (OPM) offers the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on the reinstatement with change of an expired information collection, Evidence to Prove Dependency of a Child, RI 25–37.

DATES: Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until April 12, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for the Office of Personnel Management or sent via electronic mail to oirs_submission@omb.eop.gov or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A copy of this information collection, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by contacting the Retirement Services Publications Team, Office of Personnel Management, 1900 E Street NW, Room 3316–L, Washington, DC 20415, Attention: Cyrus S. Benson, or sent via electronic mail to Cyrus.Benson@opm.gov or faxed to (202) 606–0910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (Pub. L. 104–13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35) as amended by the Clinger-Cohen Act (Pub. L. 104–106), OPM is soliciting comments for this collection. The information collection (OMB No. 3206–0206) was previously published in the **Federal Register** on May 5, 2017, at 82 FR 21277, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. No comments were received for this collection. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. The Office of Management and Budget

is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
 2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
 3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
 4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.
- Form RI 25–37 is designed to collect sufficient information for the Office of Personnel Management to determine whether the surviving child of a deceased Federal employee is eligible to receive benefits as a dependent child.

Analysis

Agency: Retirement Operations, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management.

Title: Evidence to Prove Dependency of a Child.

OMB Number: 3206–0206.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individual or Households.

Number of Respondents: 250.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 Hour.

Total Burden Hours: 250 hours.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Kathleen M. McGettigan,

Acting Director.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service; November 2017

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency that were established or revoked from November 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Senior Executive Resources Services, Senior Executive Service and Performance Management, Employee Services, 202–606–2246.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 213.103, Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities available for use by all agencies are codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities applicable to a single agency are not codified in the CFR, but the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) publishes a notice of agency-specific authorities established or revoked each month in the **Federal Register** at www.gpo.gov/fdsys/. OPM also publishes an annual notice of the consolidated listing of all Schedule A, B, and C appointing authorities, current as of June 30, in the **Federal Register**.

Schedule A

No schedule A Authorities to report during November 2017.

Schedule B

No schedule B Authorities to report during November 2017.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C appointing authorities were approved during November 2017.

Agency name	Organization name	Position title	Authorization No.	Effective date
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	Farm Service Agency	State Executive Director	DA180009	11/08/2017
			DA180024	11/03/2017
			DA180066	11/06/2017
			DA180073	11/13/2017
		State Executive Director—Kansas	DA170197	11/03/2017
		State Executive Director—Idaho	DA180044	11/03/2017
		State Executive Director—New York.	DA180058	11/03/2017
		State Executive Director—Oregon	DA180059	11/03/2017
		State Executive Director—Tennessee.	DA180061	11/03/2017
		State Executive Director—California.	DA180062	11/06/2017
		State Executive Director—Utah	DA180065	11/06/2017