

No. ML18191B091; documents related to this amendment are listed in the Safety Evaluation enclosed with the amendment.

*Facility Combined Licenses No. NPF-91 and NPF-92:* Amendment revised the Facility Combined Licenses.

*Date of initial notice in **Federal Register**:* May 22, 2018 (83 FR 23728).

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in the Safety Evaluation dated August 7, 2018.

*No significant hazards consideration comments received:* No.

*Southern Nuclear Operating Company, Docket Nos. 52-025 and 52-026, Vogtle Electric Generating Plant (VEGP), Units 3 and 4, Burke County, Georgia*

*Date of amendment request:* January 31, 2018, as supplemented by letter dated May 2, 2018.

*Description of amendment:* The amendment revises the VEGP Units 3 and 4 combined license (COL) Appendix A, Technical Specification (TS) related to Pressurizer Safety Valve (PSV) operability. The amendment changes TS 3.4.6, "PSV Applicability" to require the PSV to be operable when the TS 3.4.14, "Low Temperature Overpressure Protection," is not required to be operable. A conforming change is made to the TS 3.4.6 Actions. Additional TS changes necessary to support PSV operability are made for consistency with the TS 3.4.6. The amendment also approves moving TS Limiting Condition for Operation Notes regarding reactor coolant pump starts from TS 3.4.4, "Reactor Coolant System (RCS) Loops, 3.4.8, "Minimum RCS Flow," and 3.4.14 to TS 3.4.3, "RCS Pressure/Temperature Limits."

*Date of issuance:* July 12, 2018.

*Effective date:* As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented within 30 days of issuance.

*Amendment Nos.:* 133 (Unit 3) and 132 (Unit 4). A publicly-available version is in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18159A437; documents related to this amendment are listed in the Safety Evaluation enclosed with the amendment.

*Facility Combined Licenses Nos. NPF-91 and NPF-92:* Amendment revised the Facility COL.

*Date of Initial Notice in **Federal Register**:* March 13, 2018 (83 FR 10922). The supplement dated May 2, 2018, provided additional information that clarified the application, did not expand the scope of the application as originally noticed, and did not change the NRC staff's original proposed no significant hazards consideration determination.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment is contained in the Safety Evaluation dated July 12, 2018.

*No significant hazards consideration comments received:* No.

*Tennessee Valley Authority, Docket No. 50-390, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant (WBN), Unit 1, Rhea County, Tennessee*

*Date of amendment request:* July 8, 2018, as supplemented by letters dated July 24 and July 30, 2018.

*Brief description of amendment:* The amendment extended Technical Specification (TS) Surveillance Requirements (SRs) 3.3.1.5, 3.3.2.2, and 3.3.6.2 by revising the WBN, Unit 1, TS SR 3.0.2 and certain SRs in Table SR 3.0.2-1.

*Date of issuance:* August 16, 2018.

*Effective date:* As of the date of issuance and shall be implemented immediately.

*Amendment No.:* 121. A publicly-available version is in ADAMS under Accession No. ML18204A252; documents related to this amendment are listed in the Safety Evaluation enclosed with the amendment.

*Facility Operating License No. NPF-90:* The amendment revised the Facility Operating License and TSs.

*Date of initial notice in **Federal Register**:* July 16, 2018 (83 FR 32912). The supplemental letters dated July 24 and July 30, 2018, provided additional information that clarified the application, did not expand the scope of the application as originally notified, and did not change the NRC staff's proposed no significant hazards consideration determination as published in the **Federal Register**.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment and final determination of no significant hazards consideration is contained in a Safety Evaluation dated August 16, 2018.

*No significant hazards consideration comments received:* No.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 31st day of August 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[NRC-2018-0197]

### Proposed Revisions to Standard Review Plan Section 13.6, Physical Security

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Standard review plan-draft section revision; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is soliciting public comment on draft NUREG-0800, "Standard Review Plan for the Review of Safety Analysis Reports for Nuclear Power Plants: LWR Edition," Section 13.6, "Physical Security." This section has been updated to reflect the latest NRC guidance concerning physical security.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed no later than November 13, 2018. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2018-0197. Address questions about NRC dockets to Jennifer Borges; telephone: 301-287-9127; email: [Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Borges@nrc.gov). For technical questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

- *Mail comments to:* May Ma, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark D. Notich, Office of New Reactors, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-3053, email: [Mark.Notich@nrc.gov](mailto:Mark.Notich@nrc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments

###### A. Obtaining Information

Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2018-0197 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information for this

action. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this action by any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website*: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC–2018–0197.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS)*: You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, 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](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov).

- *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–2018–0197 in your comment submission.

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 into ADAMS.

### II. Further Information

The NRC seeks public comment on the proposed Standard Review Plan (SRP)-draft section revision of Section 13.6, "Physical Security." The changes made in this revision to this section reflect the latest NRC guidance concerning physical security.

Following NRC staff evaluation of public comments, the NRC intends to finalize SRP Section 13.6, "Physical Security," Revision 4 in ADAMS and post it on the NRC's public website at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr0800/>. The SRP is guidance for the NRC staff. The

SRP is not a substitute for the NRC regulations, and compliance with the SRP is not required.

### III. Backfitting and Issue Finality

Issuance of this draft SRP, if finalized, would not constitute backfitting as defined in section 50.109 of title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) (the Backfit Rule) or otherwise be inconsistent with the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52. The NRC's position is based upon the following considerations:

1. *The draft SRP positions do not constitute backfitting, inasmuch as the SRP is guidance directed to the NRC staff with respect to its regulatory responsibilities.*

The SRP provides internal guidance to the NRC staff on how to review an application for NRC regulatory approval in the form of licensing. Changes in guidance intended for use by only the staff are not matters that constitute backfitting as that term is defined in 10 CFR 50.109(a)(1) or involve the issue finality provisions of 10 CFR part 52.

2. *Backfitting and issue finality—with certain exceptions discussed below—do not apply to current or future applicants.*

Applicants and potential applicants are not, with certain exceptions, the subject of either the Backfit Rule or any issue finality provisions under 10 CFR part 52. This is because neither the Backfit Rule nor the issue finality provisions under 10 CFR part 52 were intended to apply to every NRC action that substantially changes the expectations of current and future applicants.

The exceptions to the general principle are applicable whenever a 10 CFR part 50 operating license applicant references a construction permit or a 10 CFR part 52 combined license applicant references a license (e.g., an early site permit) and/or NRC regulatory approval (e.g., a design certification rule) for which specified issue finality provisions apply.

The NRC staff does not, at this time, intend to impose the positions represented in this draft SRP section in a manner that constitutes backfitting or is inconsistent with any issue finality provision of 10 CFR part 52. If, in the future, the staff seeks to impose a position in this draft SRP section in a manner that would constitute backfitting or be inconsistent with these issue finality provisions, the NRC staff must make the showing as set forth in the Backfit rule or address the regulatory criteria set forth in the applicable issue finality provision, as

applicable, that would allow the staff to impose the position.

3. *The NRC staff has no intention to impose the SRP positions on existing nuclear power plant licensees either now or in the future (absent a voluntary request for a change from the licensee, holder of a regulatory approval or a design certification applicant).*

The NRC staff does not intend to impose or apply the positions described in the draft SRP to existing (already issued) licenses (e.g., operating licenses and combined licenses) and regulatory approvals. Hence, the issuance of this SRP guidance—even if considered guidance subject to the Backfit Rule or the issue finality provisions in 10 CFR part 52—would not need to be evaluated as if it were a backfit or as being inconsistent with these issue finality provisions. If, in the future, the NRC staff seeks to impose a position in the SRP on holders of already issued licenses in a manner that would constitute backfitting or does not provide issue finality as described in the applicable issue finality provision, then the staff must make a showing as set forth in the Backfit Rule or address the criteria set forth in the applicable issue finality provision, as applicable, that would allow the staff to impose the position.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 6th day of September 2018.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal

The ACRS Subcommittee on Plant License Renewal will hold a meeting on September 20, 2018 at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T–2B1, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The entire meeting will be open to public attendance. The agenda for the subject meeting shall be as follows:

**Thursday, September 20, 2018, 1 p.m. Until 5 p.m.**

The Subcommittee will conduct a briefing on the River Bend Nuclear Generating Station Unit 1 License Renewal Application. The Subcommittee will hear presentations