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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Request for Information—Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee, Chaired by the Director of the National Science Foundation; Extension of Public Comment Period

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Request for information; extension of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On April 3, 2020, the National Science Foundation, on behalf of the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC), announced a request for information regarding development of the next 5-year Arctic Research Plan: 2022–2026, originally open for a 90-day public comment period. In response to the challenges of providing input on the next 5-year Arctic Research Plan: 2022–2026 during the current global pandemic, IARPC is extending the public comment period for an additional 30 days.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted no later than August 2, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Email comments to [IARPCPlan@nsf.gov](mailto:IARPCPlan@nsf.gov). Send written submissions to Roberto Delgado, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Meredith LaValley at 940-733-5675.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 3, 2020, IARPC, chaired by the National Science Foundation, announced the start of a public comment period on the content and organization of the next 5-year Arctic Research Plan: 2022–2026 (85 FR 19031). In response to the challenges of providing input during the current global pandemic, IARPC is extending the public comment period by an additional 30 days. Comments must be received or postmarked by no later than August 2, 2020. Please see the original **Federal Register** notice for further information (85 FR 19031).

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-247 and 50-286; NRC-2020-0100]

### Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.; Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Exemption; issuance.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued an exemption in response to an April 13, 2020, request from Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee), as supplemented by letter dated April 16, 2020. The exemption grants the licensee's request for a temporary exemption for Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3 (Indian Point 2 and 3) from the requirements with respect to extending the completion time for annual fire brigade physical examinations by 90 days for 15 fire brigade members.

**DATES:** The exemption was issued on April 22, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Please refer to Docket ID NRC-2020-0100 when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly-available information related to this document using any of the following methods:

- *Federal Rulemaking Website:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID NRC-2020-0100. Address questions about NRC docket IDs in *Regulations.gov* 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.

- *NRC's Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):* You may obtain publicly-available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://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 reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by email to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The ADAMS accession number for each document referenced (if it is available in ADAMS) is provided the first time that it is mentioned in the document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard V. Guzman, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC

20555-0001; telephone: 301-415-1030, email: [Richard.Guzman@nrc.gov](mailto:Richard.Guzman@nrc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The text of the exemption is attached.

Dated: April 22, 2020.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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**Attachment: Exemption**

## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Docket Nos. 50-247 and 50-286

Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc.

Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit Nos. 2 and 3

Exemption

### I. Background

Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee) is the holder of Renewed Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-26 and DPR-64 for Indian Point Nuclear Generating Units Nos. 2 and 3, respectively (Indian Point 2 and 3). The licenses provide, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission), now or hereafter in effect. The Indian Point 2 and 3 facility consists of two pressurized-water reactors located in Buchanan, New York.

### II. Request/Action

By letter dated April 13, 2020, as supplemented by letter dated April 16, 2020 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession Nos. ML20104C121 and ML20107J551, respectively), the licensee requested a temporary exemption from Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Part 50, Appendix R, Section III.H, which requires (among other things) that the qualifications of fire brigade members include an annual physical examination to determine their ability to perform strenuous firefighting activities. Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency (PHE) currently affecting the United States, and the state of emergency declared by the State of New York on March 7, 2020, the licensee has implemented pandemic planning strategies that include isolation activities and is requesting a temporary exemption from Appendix R, Section III.H, to extend the due dates for fire brigade members to have an annual physical examination in order to protect required site fire brigade personnel in response to the COVID-19 PHE. The