

to radiation workers accessing the fuel handling building. This training will be provided as necessary until dry fuel handling in 1997 is complete and the subject material has been incorporated into general employee training. The staff has determined that the licensee's procedures and training meet the intent of 10 CFR 70.24(a)(3); therefore, adherence to the specific requirements of this section is not necessary to serve the underlying purpose of the rule.

Because inadvertent criticality is precluded by both design and procedure, because adequate radiation monitoring is present, and because the licensee maintains emergency procedures for the areas in which fuel is handled, the staff has concluded that there is reasonable assurance that irradiated and unirradiated fuel will remain subcritical; furthermore, there is reasonable assurance that, should an inadvertent criticality occur, the licensee will detect such a criticality and workers will respond properly. The combination of plant design features, fuel handling procedures, the use of a portable criticality monitor, radiological emergency procedures and radiation worker training constitute good cause for granting an exemption to the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24.

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Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 70.14, this exemption is authorized by law, will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and is otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission hereby grants the following exemption:

The Power Authority of the State of New York is exempt from the requirements of 10 CFR 70.24(a), 10 CFR 70.24(a)(1), and 10 CFR 70.24(a)(3) for Indian Point Nuclear Generating Unit No. 3. This exemption is contingent on the facility's maintaining the hardware, procedure, and training described in Section III above.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the granting of this exemption will have no significant impact on the quality of the human environment (62 FR 14705).

This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 27th day of March 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Frank J. Miraglia, Jr.,
Acting Director, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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[Docket 70-7001]

Notice of Amendment to Certificate of Compliance GDP-1 for the U.S. Enrichment Corporation, Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Kentucky

The Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, has made a determination that the following amendment request is not significant in accordance with 10 CFR 76.45. In making that determination the staff concluded that (1) there is no change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite; (2) there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure; (3) there is no significant construction impact; (4) there is no significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents; (5) the proposed changes do not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident; (6) there is no significant reduction in any margin of safety; and (7) the proposed changes will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards or security programs. The basis for this determination for the amendment request is shown below.

The NRC staff has reviewed the certificate amendment application and concluded that it provides reasonable assurance of adequate safety, safeguards, and security, and compliance with NRC requirements. Therefore, the Director, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, is prepared to issue an amendment to the Certificate of Compliance for the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant. The staff has prepared a Compliance Evaluation Report which provides details of the staff's evaluation.

The NRC staff has determined that this amendment satisfies the criteria for a 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 this amendment.

USEC or any person whose interest may be affected may file a petition, not exceeding 30 pages, requesting review of the Director's Decision. The petition must be filed with the Commission not later than 15 days after publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. A petition for review of the Director's Decision shall set forth with particularity the interest of the petitioner and how that interest may be affected by the results of the decision. The petition should specifically explain the reasons why

review of the Decision should be permitted with particular reference to the following factors: (1) The interest of the petitioner; (2) how that interest may be affected by the Decision, including the reasons why the petitioner should be permitted a review of the Decision; and (3) the petitioner's areas of concern about the activity that is the subject matter of the Decision. Any person described in this paragraph (USEC or any person who filed a petition) may file a response to any petition for review, not to exceed 30 pages, within 10 days after filing of the petition. If no petition is received within the designated 15-day period, the Director will issue the final amendment to the Certificate of Compliance without further delay. If a petition for review is received, the decision on the amendment application will become final in 60 days, unless the Commission grants the petition for review or otherwise acts within 60 days after publication of this **Federal Register** Notice.

A petition for review must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Docketing and Services Branch, or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, by the above date.

For further details with respect to the action see (1) the application for amendment and (2) the Commission's Compliance Evaluation Report. These items are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, and at the Local Public Document Room.

Date of amendment request: February 14, 1997, revised March 10, 1997.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment revises the Technical Safety Requirement for the design features for the cranes in the feed facilities and reflects the associated changes to the Safety Analysis Report.

Basis for finding of no significance:

1. The proposed amendment will not result in a change in the types or significant increase in the amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite.

The proposed change to TSR 2.2.5.2 involves a change to the design features of the hoist brakes for the feed facility cranes. These changes have no impact on plant effluents and will not result in any impact to the environment.

2. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

The proposed design change for the brakes will not affect individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure.

3. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant construction impact.

The proposed change will not result in any construction, therefore, there will be no construction impacts.

4. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant increase in the potential for, or radiological or chemical consequences from, previously analyzed accidents.

The proposed change involves a change to the description of the safety features on the feed facility cranes. The changes are being made to reflect the field configuration of the cranes. The brake design in question complies with the requirements of ANSI B30.2-1990 and will continue to perform its safety function. As such, the potential of occurrence of an evaluated event is unaffected. The consequences of previously evaluated accidents are not increased.

5. The proposed amendment will not result in the possibility of a new or different kind of accident.

The proposed changes revise the design feature for the brakes of the feed facility cranes to match the field configuration. The brakes meet ANSI B30.2-1990 and will continue to meet their safety feature. The change does not create the possibility for a new or different type of accident.

6. The proposed amendment will not result in a significant reduction in any margin of safety.

The brake designs for the cranes comply with the requirements of ANSI B30.2-1990. The TSR change is necessary to reflect the field configuration of the brakes. The accident analysis is not affected by this change. The proposed changes cause no reductions in the margins of safety.

7. The proposed amendment will not result in an overall decrease in the effectiveness of the plant's safety, safeguards or security programs.

The proposed TSR change is being made to reflect the field configuration of the brakes for the feed facility cranes. The effectiveness of the safety, safeguards, and security programs is not decreased.

Effective date: Upon issuance of amendment.

Certificate of Compliance No. GDP-1: Amendment will revise a Technical Safety Requirement on crane design and incorporate Safety Analysis Report changes.

Local Public Document Room location: Paducah Public Library, 555

Washington Street, Paducah, Kentucky 42003.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 27th day of March 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Carl J. Paperiello, Director,
Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL(S):

(1) *Collection title:* Application and Claim for Unemployment Benefits and Employment Service.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* UI-1, UI-3.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0022.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 4/30/98.

(5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 294,000.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 294,000.

(9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 31,333.

(10) *Collection description:* Under Section 2 of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, unemployment benefits are provided for qualified railroad employees. The collection obtains the information needed for determining the eligibility to and amount of such benefits from railroad employees.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laura Oliven (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Chuck Mierzwa,
Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange
Commission, Office of Filings and
Information Services, Washington, DC
20549

Extension:

Rule 17a-8, SEC File No. 270-225, OMB
Control No. 3235-0235

Form N-8F, SEC File No. 270-136, OMB
Control No. 3235-0157

Form N-23C-1, SEC File No. 270-230,
OMB Control No. 3235-0230

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget requests for approval of extension on previously approved collections of information:

Rule 17a-8 exempts certain mergers and similar business combinations ("mergers") of affiliated registered investment companies ("funds") from section 17(a)'s prohibitions on purchases and sales between a fund and its affiliates. The rule requires fund directors to consider certain issues and to record their findings in board minutes. The average annual burden of meeting the requirements of Rule 17a-8 is estimated to be 1.5 hours for each fund. The Commission estimates that about seventeen funds rely each year on the rule. The total average annual burden for all respondents is therefore twenty-six hours.

Form N-8F is the form prescribed for use by registered investment companies in certain circumstances to request orders of the Commission declaring that they have ceased to be investment companies. The form takes approximately 6 hours to complete. It is estimated that approximately 160 investment companies file Form N-8F annually, for a total annual burden of 960 hours.

Form N-23C-1 assists the Commission and the public in monitoring repurchases by closed-end investment companies ("closed-end funds") of their own securities under Rule 23c-1, which permits such repurchases in limited circumstances subject to certain safeguards. The form, which must be filed within the first 10 days of the calendar month following any month in which securities are repurchased, requires the closed-end fund to report certain information including the date, amount, and price of repurchases and other information. It is