

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is proposing in 1998 to conduct a survey of community residents in one gateway community near Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks to refine those issues related to fire management and associated smoke that are most important to people who live there. This information collection will support ongoing fire management planning at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in the proposed survey. The NPS also is asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The NPS goal in conducting this survey is to obtain park neighbors' perceptions of the existing fire management program and its effect on residents, the community, and the ecosystem. Results of the survey will assist NPS fire managers in their management decisions by providing information about the knowledge, needs and desires of the affected public living in the community that is closest to the two parks. The intended effect of this information collection is to better inform park managers about issues important to park neighbors, to assist them in developing citizen education and involvement programs, and to help them formulate fire management decision making criteria for fires in the Park.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before May 4, 1998.

SEND COMMENTS TO: William Kaage, Fire Management Officer, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Three Rivers, California 93271-9700, phone: 209-565-3160.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Kaage, Fire Management Officer, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Three Rivers, California 93271-9700, phone: 209-565-3160; e-mail: <william_kaage@nps.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Fine Management Planning Survey at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be requested.

Expiration date: To be requested.

Type of request: Request for new clearance.

Description of need: The National Park Service needs information concerning perceptions of residents who live near Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks regarding forest fire, fire ecology, regional fire management history and the effects of fire management practices on their community and the ecosystem. The proposed information to be collected from park neighbors is not available from existing records, sources, or observations either regularly or comprehensively.

Automated data collection: At the present time, there is no automated way to gather this information, since it includes asking gateway community residents about their perceptions of fire management in the region.

Description of Respondents: A sample of adult householders living in one gateway community near Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Estimated average number of respondents: The number is estimated to be approximately 500 respondents.

Estimated average number of respondents: Each respondent will respond only one time, so the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 15 minutes.

Frequency of response: 1 time per respondent.

Estimated annual reporting burden: The total burden for 1998 will be approximately 125 hours.

Diane M. Cooke,

*Information Collection Clearance Officer,
WASO Administrative Program Center,
National Park Service.*

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resolves certain claims of the United States against Exide Corporation, Fisher Steel & Supply Company, Friedland Iron & Metal Company, and Franklin Iron & Metal Company under Section 107(a) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9607(a), at the H. Brown Superfund Site ("Site"), located in Walker, Kent County, Michigan. Under the Consent Decree, the settling defendants will pay the United States \$120,000.

The Department of Justice will receive comments relating to the proposed Consent Decree for 30 days following publication of this Notice. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, P.O. Box 7611, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044-7611, and should refer to *United States v. H. Brown Co., et al.* D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-2-835A. The proposed Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Michigan; the Region V Office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, telephone no. (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed Consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy, please enclose a check for reproduction costs (at 25 cents per page) in the amount of \$7.75 for the Decree, payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Bruce S. Gelber,

*Deputy Chief, Environmental Enforcement
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Division.*

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that on February 10, 1998, the United States lodged with the Court a proposed Consent Decree under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, as amended ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.* in *United States v. H. Brown Co., et al.*, No. 1:96-CV-949 (W.D. Mich.). The Consent Decree

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Friday, March 6, 1998.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Year 2000 Compliance. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (8).
2. SSP Vacancies and Related Personnel Matters. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2) and (6).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board,
Telephone 703-518-6304.

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Secretary of the Board.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-423]

Northeast Nuclear Energy Co.; Withdrawal of Application for Amendment To Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (the licensee) to withdraw its June 30, 1997, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-49 for the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit 3, located in New London County, Connecticut.

Technical Specifications 4.6.1.1, 3/4.6.1.2, and 3/4.6.1.3 require the testing of the containment to verify leakage limits at a specified test pressure. The proposed amendment would have (1) modified the list of valves that can be opened in Modes 1 through 4, (2) added a footnote on procedure controls, (3) removed a footnote on Type A testing, and (4) made editorial changes to the Technical Specifications and associated Bases sections.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on July 30, 1997 (62 FR 40854). However, by letter dated October 7, 1997, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated June 30, 1997, and the licensee's letter dated October 7, 1997, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents 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 located at the Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and the Waterford Library, ATTN: Vince Juliano, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 15th day of October 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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Licensing Office of Nuclear Reactor
Regulation.*

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-275 and 50-323]

Pacific Gas and Electric Co.; Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, Environmental Assessment and Finding of no Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of its regulations for Facility Operating Licenses Nos. DPR-80 and DPR-82, issued to Pacific Gas and Electric Company (the licensee), for operation of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant (DCNPP), Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in San Luis Obispo County, California.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action is in response to the licensee's application dated December 8, 1997, for exemption from the requirements of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) regarding submission of revisions to the Final Safety Analysis Report (FSAR) and design change reports for the facility changes made under 10 CFR 50.59 for DCNPP. Under the proposed exemption, the licensee would schedule updates to the single, unified FSAR for DCNPP based on the refueling cycle of Unit 2.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Section 50.71(e)(4) requires licensees to submit updates to their FSAR within 6 months after each refueling outage providing that the interval between successive updates does not exceed 24 months. Since Units 1 and 2 of DCNPP share a common FSAR, the licensee must update the same document within 6 months after a refueling outage for either unit. Allowing the exemption would maintain the FSAR current within 24 months of the last revision and still would not exceed a 24-month interval for submission of the 10 CFR 50.59 design change report for either unit.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

No changes are being made in the types or amounts of any radiological effluent that may be released off site.

There is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. The Commission concludes that granting the proposed exemption would result in no significant radiological environmental impact.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed exemption does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. The Commission concludes that there are no significant non-radiological impacts associated with the proposed exemption.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed exemption, the staff considered denial of the requested exemption. Denial of the request would result in no change in current environmental impacts. The environmental impacts of the proposed action and the alternative action are similar.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statements related to the operation of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2 dated May 1973.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on February 26, 1998, the staff consulted with the California State official, Mr. Steve Hsu of the Radiologic Health Branch of the State Department of Health Services, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

Based upon the foregoing environmental assessment, the Commission concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated December 8, 1997, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, which is located at The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, D.C., and at the local public document room located at the California Polytechnic State University, Robert E. Kennedy Library, Government Documents and Maps Department, San Luis Obispo, California 93407.