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Agenda: June 20, 2001, Room 120

8:30 am—Preparation of Committee Report
 10:00 am—Break
 10:30 am—Feedback from the Committee
 12:00 noon—Adjourn

Dated: May 29, 2001.

Susanne Bolton,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* 10 CFR part 70—Domestic Licensing of Special Nuclear Material.

3. *The form number if applicable:* None.

4. *How often the collection is required:* Required reports are collected and evaluated on a continuing basis as events occur. Applications for new licenses and amendments may be submitted at any time. Generally, renewal applications are submitted every ten years and for major fuel cycle facilities updates of the safety demonstration section are submitted every two years. Nuclear material control and accounting information is

submitted in accordance with specified instructions. Nuclear criticality safety training program information pursuant to DG-3008 is submitted with the application or renewal.

5. *Who is required or asked to report:* Applicants for and holders of specific NRC licenses to receive title to, own, acquire, deliver, receive, possess, use, or initially transfer special nuclear material.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 1,174.

7. *The number of annual respondents:* 600.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 86,279 hours (77,427 reporting hours plus 8,852 recordkeeping hours) an average of approximately 129 hours per response for applications and reports.

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* Part 70 establishes requirements for licenses to own, acquire, receive, possess, use, and transfer special nuclear material. Draft Regulatory Guide DG-3008 provides guidance on an acceptable nuclear criticality safety training program. The information in the applications, reports, and records is used by NRC to make licensing and other regulatory determinations concerning the use of special nuclear material. The revised estimate of burden reflects the addition of requirements for documentation for termination or transfer of licensed activities, and modifying licenses.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F23, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by July 2, 2001. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date.

Bryon Allen, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0009), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503
 Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395-3087.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, 301-415-7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 29th day of May 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Extension.

2. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 314—Certificate of Disposition of Materials.

3. *The form number if applicable:* NRC Form 314.

4. *How often the collection is required:* The form is submitted once, when a licensee terminates its license.

5. *Who is required or asked to report:* Persons holding an NRC license for the possession and use of radioactive byproduct, source, or special nuclear material who are ceasing licensed activities and terminating the license.

6. *An estimate of the number of responses:* 400.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* 400.

8. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* An average of 0.5 hours per response, for a total of 200 hours.

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104-13 applies:* Not applicable.

10. *Abstract:* NRC Form 314 furnishes information to NRC regarding transfer or other disposition of radioactive material by licensees who wish to terminate their licenses. The information is used by NRC as part of the basis for its

determination that the facility has been cleared of radioactive material before the facility is released for unrestricted use.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Room O-1 F23, Rockville, MD 20852. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site: <http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>. The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer listed below by July 5, 2001. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given to comments received after this date. Amy Farrell, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150-0028), NEOB-10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of May, 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Brenda Jo. Shelton,

NRC Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-333]

Entergy Nuclear Fitzpatrick, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. James A. Fitzpatrick Nuclear Power Plant; Exemption

1.0 Background

Entergy Nuclear FitzPatrick, LLC and Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. are the holders of Facility Operating License No. DPR-59 which authorizes operation of the James A. FitzPatrick Nuclear Power Plant (JAF). The license provides, among other things, that the facility is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC, the Commission) now or hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of a boiling-water reactor located in Oswego County in New York.

2.0 Purpose

By letter dated October 30, 2000, the Power Authority of the State of New York (PASNY), then the licensee for JAF, submitted a request for exemption from certain technical requirements of

Section III.G of Appendix R to 10 CFR part 50, in accordance with the provisions of 10 CFR 50.12. Specifically, PASNY requested an exemption from Section III.G.2.c in that it requires certain redundant trains of equipment located in the same fire area, where automatic fire detection and automatic fire suppression are provided, to be protected with a 1-hour rated fire barrier. On November 21, 2000, PASNY's interests in the license were transferred to Entergy Nuclear FitzPatrick, LLC, which is now authorized to possess and use FitzPatrick and to Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc., which is now authorized to possess, use and operate FitzPatrick. By letter dated January 26, 2001, Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. (the licensee) requested that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) continue to review and act on all requests before the Commission which had been submitted by PASNY before the transfer. Accordingly, the NRC staff continued its review. By letter dated February 7, 2001, the licensee provided supplemental information.

Section III.G.2.c of appendix R Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR), part 50 specifies that certain fire protection features are necessary in order to assure the ability to achieve and maintain hot shutdown conditions. The high-pressure coolant injection (HPCI) for reactor coolant makeup and Train B of residual heat removal (RHR) for suppression pool cooling are credited in the licensee's safe shutdown analysis for achieving and maintaining hot shutdown conditions and Train B of alternate shutdown cooling (ASD) is credited for achieving cold shutdown for a fire in the west cable tunnel (CT-1). A power cable that supports HPCI, Train B RHR and ASD is routed through CT-1. CT-1 also houses the redundant required safe shutdown equipment.

The power cable for HPCI, Train B RHR and ASD in CT-1 has been protected with a fire wrap material to meet Appendix R in order to separate these systems from the redundant systems located in CT-1. However, it was found that this fire wrap material did not meet the requirements of 1-hour fire protection. Thus, an exemption from the requirements of Section III.G.2.c of appendix R to 10 CFR part 50 was requested.

3.0 Discussion

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, the Commission may, upon application by any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant exemptions from the requirements of 10 CFR part 50, when (1) the exemptions are authorized by

law, will not present an undue risk to public health or safety, and are consistent with the common defense and security; and (2) when special circumstances are present.

A power cable for HPCI, Train B RHR and ASD in CT-1 has been protected with a fire wrap material to meet appendix R in order to separate these systems from the redundant systems located in CT-1. The licensee intended that the fire barrier material be rated for 1 hour, but the licensee later identified that there was not sufficient evidence to demonstrate that the barrier meets the acceptance criteria for a rated 1-hour fire barrier wrap. Based on fire barrier testing, the barrier exceeded test acceptance criteria at 30 minutes.

The primary in-situ combustible loading in CT-1 is cable, which the licensee states would contribute to a slowly developing cable fire. The originally installed cables for JAF were specified and ordered before IEEE Std. 383-1974, which provides a flame spread rating indicating slow flame spreading, was issued. However, an analysis was performed by the licensee which evaluated the flame retardant capability of the installed cable and it was determined that the installed cable was similar to IEEE 383-1974 rated cable. The only other combustible materials identified in the area are limited quantities of fiberglass associated with a water tank, ladders and piping. The only ignition sources which have been identified are the cables.

An automatic area-wide early warning smoke detection system is installed in CT-1. The system was designed and installed to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards, NFPA-72D, 1979, Proprietary Signaling Systems and NFPA-72E, 1978, Automatic Detectors. In some cases the installed system does not meet the codes of record. These code deficiencies are related to lack of electrical supervision of circuits, lack of recording of alarms, lack of environmental qualification, over loading of fire detection signaling lines, some beam pockets lacking detectors, and power supplies not meeting NFPA standards. The licensee has determined that the code deviations do not adversely impact safety performance. The majority of the deficiencies would not degrade the performance of the fire detection system but may impact the system's availability. Site administrative procedures control compensatory measures for the detection system in CT-1 in the event that the detection system is unavailable. The code deficiency of lacking smoke detectors in