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Dated: November 7, 2006.

**Susanne Bolton,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Advisory Committee for International Science and Engineering (25104).

*Date/Time:* December 4, 2006; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Eduardo Feller, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, (suite 935), Arlington, VA 22230 (703) 292-8100.

If you are attending the meeting and need access to the NSF, please contact the individual listed above so your name may be added to the building access list.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice on the programs of the Office of International Science and Engineering.

*Agenda:* Presentation of new Committee Members.

Update on work of the Office.

Briefings on Current International Initiatives.

Discussion of International Program Initiatives.

Dated: November 7, 2006.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50-373 and 50-374]

### Exelon Generation Company, LLC; Notice of Denial of Amendment to Facility Operating License and Opportunity for Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the Commission) has denied a request by Exelon Generation Company, LLC (the licensee) for an amendment to Facility Operating

Licenses NPF-11 and NPF-12, issued to the licensee for operation of the LaSalle County Station, Unit Nos. 1 and 2, located in LaSalle County, Illinois.

Notice of Consideration of Issuance of this amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on March 28, 2006 (71 FR 15483).

The purpose of the licensee's amendment request was to revise the technical specifications (TS) to change Surveillance Requirement (SR) 3.7.3.1 which verifies the cooling water temperature supplied to the plant from the core standby cooling system (CSCS) pond (*i.e.*, ultimate heat sink (UHS)) is  $\leq 100$  °F. Currently, if the temperature of the cooling water supplied to the plant from the CSCS pond is  $> 100$  °F, the UHS must be declared inoperable in accordance with TS 3.7.3. The license amendment request proposed to increase the temperature limit of the cooling water supplied to the plant from the CSCS pond to  $\leq 101.5$  °F by reducing the temperature measurement uncertainty by replacing the existing thermocouples with higher precision temperature measuring equipment. Should the UHS indicated temperature exceed 101.5 °F, Required Action B.1 would be entered and both units would be placed in Mode 3 within 12 hours and Mode 4 within 36 hours.

The NRC staff has concluded that the licensee's request cannot be granted. The licensee was notified of the Commission's denial of the proposed change by telephone on November 2, 2006.

By 30 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the licensee may demand a hearing with respect to the denial described above. Any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a written petition for leave to intervene pursuant to the requirements of 10 CFR 2.309.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed by: (1) First class mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff; (2) courier, express mail, and expedited delivery services: Office of the Secretary, Sixteenth Floor, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852, Attention: Rulemaking and Adjudications Staff; (3) E-mail addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, [HEARINGDOCKET@NRC.GOV](mailto:HEARINGDOCKET@NRC.GOV); or (4) facsimile transmission addressed to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington,

DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff at (301) 415-1101, verification number is (301) 415-1966. A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and it is requested that copies be transmitted either by means of facsimile transmission to (301) 415-3725 or by e-mail to [OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov](mailto:OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov). A copy of the request for hearing and petition for leave to intervene should also be sent to Mr. Bradley J. Fewell, Assistant General Counsel, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, 200 Exelon Way, Kennett Square, PA 19348, attorney for the licensee. For further details with respect to this action, see (1) the application for amendment dated March 13, 2006, as supplemented by letters dated July 13 and August 4, 2006, and (2) the Commission's letter to the licensee dated November 3, 2006.

Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room (PDR), located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1 F21, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, and will be accessible electronically through the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System's (ADAMS) Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. Persons who do not have access to ADAMS or who encounter problems in accessing documents located in ADAMS should contact the NRC PDR Reference staff by telephone at 1-800-397-4209, (301) 415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr@nrc.gov).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 3rd day of November 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Catherine Haney,**

*Director, Division of Operating Reactor Licensing, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 030-29319; License No. 42-26838-01; EA-06-021]

### In the Matter of H&G Inspection Company, Inc., Houston, TX; Confirmatory Order (Effective Immediately)

I

H&G Inspection Company, Inc. (H&G), is the holder of Materials License No.

42-26838-01 issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or Commission) on July 30, 1986, last amended on June 3, 2003, and is due to expire on June 30, 2013. The license authorizes H&G to possess sealed radioactive sources for use in conducting industrial radiography activities in accordance with the conditions specified therein.

## II

An NRC inspection was conducted at a temporary job site in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and at the H&G field office located in Evanston, Wyoming, on December 15, 2004. Following that inspection, an investigation was initiated on January 31, 2005, by the NRC Office of Investigations (OI) in order to determine whether two radiographers employed by H&G willfully violated NRC regulations.

Based on the results of the NRC inspection and OI investigation, the NRC determined that three violations of NRC requirements occurred. The violations involved failures to: (A) Secure from unauthorized removal or access and control and maintain constant surveillance of licensed material in an unrestricted area (10 CFR 20.1801 and 10 CFR 20.1802); (B) have a second qualified individual observe radiographic operations (10 CFR 34.41(a)), (C) and block and brace a radiographic exposure device during transport (10 CFR 71.5(a) and 49 CFR 177.842(d)). The NRC also determined that Violation C resulted from willful actions on the part of the two radiographers involved.

## III

In a letter dated May 1, 2006, the NRC issued a Notice of Violation and proposed Civil Penalty for the three violations identified as a result of the December 15, 2004, inspection and subsequent OI investigation. In the May 1, 2006, letter, the NRC offered H&G the opportunity to request Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) with the NRC in an attempt to resolve issues associated with these violations. In response to the May 1, 2006, letter, H&G requested ADR to resolve the matter with the NRC. ADR is a process in which a neutral mediator, with no decision-making authority, assists the NRC and H&G to resolve any differences regarding the matter.

An ADR session was held between H&G and the NRC in Arlington, Texas, on August 24, 2006. During that ADR session, an agreement was reached. The elements of the agreement consisted of the following:

1. The NRC and H&G agree that a Severity Level-III violation of 10 CFR 20.1801 and 10 CFR 20.1802 did occur on December 15, 2004, as noted in the Notice of Violation dated May 1, 2006, in that the licensee stored its radiography camera in the mobile darkroom of its truck parked at the licensee's facility in Evanston, Wyoming, and the door to the darkroom was left unsecured and the licensee did not otherwise control and maintain constant surveillance of the licensed material.

2. The NRC and H&G agree that a Severity Level-III violation of 10 CFR 34.41(a) did occur on December 15, 2004, as noted in the Notice of Violation dated May 1, 2006, in that, although the licensee had two qualified individuals present at a temporary jobsite in Rock Springs, Wyoming, where radiographic operations were being performed, the second qualified individual (radiographer's assistant) was physically located in the licensee's mobile darkroom during radiographic operations, and was therefore not able to observe the operations or provide immediate assistance to prevent unauthorized entry.

3. The NRC and H&G agree that a violation of 49 CFR 177.842(d) did occur on December 15, 2004, as noted in the Notice of Violation dated May 1, 2006, in that the licensee transported a radiographic exposure device containing licensed material to and from a temporary job site without the required blocking and bracing.

4. The NRC and H&G agree that the violation of 49 CFR 177.842(d), as noted in the Notice of Violation dated May 1, 2006, was a willful act on the part of the radiographers involved.

5. The NRC recognizes that H&G took the following immediate and effective corrective actions: (1) Replacing the area supervisor in the associated field office; (2) replacing other personnel in that field office, including those involved in the willful violation; (3) holding company-wide safety meetings about the deficiencies that NRC found; (4) completing implementation of a new locking system (using two physical systems: a lock box installed in each dark room and utilization of the lock on the dark room door); (5) conducting additional field audits; (6) conducting retraining for affected individuals; and (7) clarifying Operation and Emergency procedures regarding the requirements for the 2-person rule.

6. The NRC and H&G agree that the actions in this paragraph are sufficient to address the NRC's concerns. H&G agrees to issuance of this letter and Confirmatory Order confirming this

agreement, and also agrees to waive any request for a hearing regarding this Confirmatory Order. The NRC and H&G further agree that this Confirmatory Order should include the following elements:

A. H&G will continue to implement the following corrective actions: (1) A new locking system (using two physical systems: a lock box installed in each dark room and utilization of the lock on the dark room door); (2) conducting additional field audits; and (3) annual training on Operation and Emergency procedures regarding the requirements for the 2-person rule.

B. Not later than 1-year from the date of this Confirmatory Order, H&G will write and submit an article (for publication by both the American Society of Non-Destructive Testing (ASNT) and the Non-Destructive Testing Managers Association (NDTMA)) that is mutually agreeable. The article will address the new H&G management oversight program (detailed below) and the value it adds to overall safe and effective operations. Not later than 11 months from the date of this Confirmatory Order, a draft of the proposed article will be submitted to the NRC Region IV office for review, comment, and concurrence.

C. H&G agrees to implement a management review and oversight program with the following elements:

a. Training of the three area supervisors and three office managers to the Radiation Safety Officer level.

b. Requiring each of the six individuals in 6.C.a to conduct unannounced audits of one of the other field offices on a rotating basis (quarterly for the first 2 years, and annually thereafter).

c. Requiring one of the three senior corporate managers (Radiation Safety Officer, Chief Operations Officer, and President) to conduct unannounced performance observations at each of the field offices on a rotating basis twice a year. Meaning each field office will receive a visit from a senior corporate manager twice each year.

D. H&G understands that the NRC, as part of its normal process, will issue a press release with this Confirmatory Order. The NRC will provide H&G a copy of the press release prior to its release.

E. In recognition of H&G's extensive corrective actions, the NRC agrees to reduce the Civil Penalty originally proposed to \$500.

On October 10, 2006, H&G consented to issuing this Confirmatory Order with the commitments, as described in Section IV below. H&G further agreed in the October 10, 2006, letter that this

Confirmatory Order is to be effective upon issuance and that they have waived their right to a hearing. Implementation of these commitments will resolve the NRC's concerns and will satisfy the response requirements listed in the May 1, 2006, Notice of Violation such that no additional written response to that letter is necessary.

I find that H&G's commitments as set forth in Section IV are acceptable and necessary and conclude that with these commitments the public health and safety are reasonably assured. In view of the foregoing, I have determined that the public health and safety require that H&G's commitments be confirmed by this Order. Based on the above and H&G's consent, this Confirmatory Order is immediately effective upon issuance.

#### IV

Accordingly, pursuant to Sections 161b, 161i, 161o, 182 and 186 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 2.202, 2.205, 10 CFR Parts 20, 34, and in Part 71 that references 49 CFR 177, *it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:*

1. The NRC reduces the civil penalty proposed by letter dated May 1, 2006 in the amount of \$6,500 to \$500.

2. H&G will continue to implement the following corrective actions: (1) A new locking system (using two physical systems: a lock box installed in each dark room and utilization of the lock on the dark room door); (2) conducting additional field audits; (3) annual training on Operation and Emergency procedures regarding the requirements for the 2-person rule.

3. Not later than 1 year from the date of this Confirmatory Order, H&G will write and submit an article (for publication by both the American Society of Non-Destructive Testing (ASNT) and the Non-Destructive Testing Managers Association (NDTMA)) that is mutually agreeable. The article will address the new H&G management oversight program (detailed below) and the value it adds to overall safe and effective operations. Not later than 11 months from the date of this Confirmatory Order, a draft of the proposed article will be submitted to the NRC Region IV office for review, comment, and concurrence.

4. H&G agrees to implement a management review and oversight program with the following elements:

(a) Training of the three area supervisors and three office managers to the Radiation Safety Officer level.

(b) Requiring each of the six individuals in 4(a) above to conduct

unannounced audits of one of the other field offices on a rotating basis (quarterly for the first 2 years, and annually thereafter).

(c) Requiring one of the three senior corporate managers (Radiation Safety Officer, Chief Operations Officer, and President) to conduct unannounced performance observations at each of the field offices on a rotating basis twice a year, meaning each field office will receive a visit from a senior corporate manager twice each year.

The Regional Administrator, NRC Region IV, may relax or rescind, in writing, any of the above conditions upon a showing by H&G of good cause.

#### V

Any person adversely affected by this Confirmatory Order, other than H&G, may request a hearing within 20 days of its issuance. Where good cause is shown, consideration will be given to extending the time to request a hearing. A request for extension of time must be made in writing to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, and include a statement of good cause for the extension. Any request for a hearing shall be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, ATTN: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, Washington, DC 20555. Copies also shall be sent to the Director, Office of Enforcement, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, to the Assistant General Counsel for Materials Litigation and Enforcement at the same address, to the Regional Administrator, NRC Region IV, 611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 400, Arlington, Texas 76011, and to H&G Inspection. Because of the possible disruptions in delivery of mail to United States Government offices, it is requested that answers and requests for hearing be transmitted to the Secretary of the Commission either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-1101 or by e-mail to [hearingdocket@nrc.gov](mailto:hearingdocket@nrc.gov) and also to the Office of the General Counsel either by means of facsimile transmission to 301-415-3725 or by e-mail to [OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov](mailto:OGCMailCenter@nrc.gov). If such a person requests a hearing, that person shall set forth with particularity the manner in which his interest is adversely affected by this Order and shall address the criteria set forth in 10 CFR 2.309 (d) and (f).

If a hearing is requested by a person whose interest is adversely affected, the Commission will issue an Order designating the time and place of any hearing. If a hearing is held, the issue to be considered at such hearing shall be

whether this Confirmatory Order should be sustained.

In the absence of any request for hearing, or written approval of an extension of time in which to request a hearing, the provisions specified in Section IV above shall be final 20 days from the date of this Order without further order or proceedings. If an extension of time for requesting a hearing has been approved, the provisions specified in Section IV shall be final when the extension expires if a hearing request has not been received.

An answer or a request for hearing shall not stay the immediate effectiveness of this Order.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2006.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Bruce S. Mallett,**

*Regional Administrator.*

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#### RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

##### Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review, Request for Comments

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will be sending an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to request a revision to the following collection of information: 3220-0002, Application for Employee Annuity Under the Railroad Retirement Act, consisting of RRB Form(s) AA-1, Application for Employee Annuity, AA-1cert, Application Summary and Certification, AA-1d, Application for Determination of Employee's Disability, and G-204, Verification of Worker's Compensation/Public Disability Benefit Information. Our ICR describes the information we seek to collect from the public. Review and approval by OIRA ensures that we impose appropriate paperwork burdens.

The RRB invites comments on the proposed collection of information to determine (1) the practical utility of the collection; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden of the collection; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information that is the subject of collection; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of collections on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments to RRB or OIRA must contain the OMB control number