

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would modify the licenses for Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station (PVNGS), Unit Nos. 1, 2, and 3, to authorize revision of the Updated Final Safety Analysis Report (UFSAR) to reflect a revised electrical grid stability analysis. The revised analysis addresses a previously unanalyzed condition of loss of two offsite transmission lines. This condition results from the construction by the Salt River Project of a new high voltage transmission line over two of five existing transmission lines serving PVNGS.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application dated December 27, 1996.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action would permit the licensee to revise the UFSAR to incorporate the previously unanalyzed simultaneous loss of two transmission lines, making this condition part of the licensing basis for the facility.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that there is no significant environmental consideration involved with the proposed action. Incorporation of the event involving the simultaneous loss of two of five offsite power sources does not affect the existing design or operation of the plants, does not involve any modifications to the plants or any increase in the licensed power for the plants, does not affect plant effluents, and does not create any new or unreviewed environmental impacts that were not considered in the Final Environmental Statement (FES).

The revised analysis for loss of offsite transmission lines demonstrates that the loss would not result in a loss of offsite power (LOOP) event to the site. The remaining electrical power supply lines will continue to supply power to all three units following the grid disturbance resulting from the postulated simultaneous loss of two power supply lines. Thus the loss of these two lines will not affect the plants' operation. The revised analysis does not, therefore, increase the environmental impacts of postulated accidents discussed in Section 5.9.2 of the FES, and is of no measurable environmental impact.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded that there is no measurable

environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. Denial of the application 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 Statement Related to the Operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station, Units 1, 2, and 3," dated February 1982.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on March 17, 1997, the staff consulted with the Arizona State official, Mr. William Wright of the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of – No Significant Impact

Based on the 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 action.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated December 27, 1996, 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 Phoenix Public Library, 1221, N. Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 20th day of March 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

James W. Clifford,

Senior Project Manager, Project Directorate IV-2, Division of Reactor Projects III/IV, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes: Meeting Notice

AGENCY: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will convene a meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes on April 10–11, 1997. Topics will include discussions of: the Commission's Staff Requirements Memorandum entitled "Materials/Medical Oversight (DSI 7)"; NRC's Medical Policy Statement of 1979; criteria and racking of medical procedures by risk; regulatory use of industry standards; misadministrations; the advisory committee process; and status reports on proposed rulemaking and guidance documents. In addition, on April 11, 1997, the members of the Committee will prepare for a May 15, 1997, meeting with the Commissioners. The Commission briefing will be Noticed separately.

LOCATION: The meeting will take place at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T2B3, Rockville, MD 20852-2738. All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m., on April 10, 1997, and 8:00 a.m. on April 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Room T2B3, Rockville, MD 20852-2738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: William B. McCarthy, Ph.D., U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, MS T8F5, Washington, DC 20555, Telephone (301) 415-7900.

Conduct of the Meeting

Judith Ann Stitt, M.D., will chair the meeting. Dr. Stitt will conduct the meeting in a manner that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. The following procedures apply to public participation in the meeting:

1. Persons who wish to provide a written statement should submit a reproducible copy to William B. McCarthy (address listed previously), by April 4, 1997. Statements must pertain to the topics on the agenda for the meeting.

2. At the meeting, questions from members of the public will be permitted at the discretion of the Chairman.

3. The transcript and written comments will be available for inspection, and copying, for a fee, at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Lower Level, Washington, DC 20555, telephone (202) 634-3273, on or about April 18, 1997. Minutes of the meeting will be available on or about May 23, 1997.

4. Seating for the public will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

This meeting will be held in accordance with the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (primarily Section 161a); the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App); and the Commission's regulations in Title 10, U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, Part 7.

Dated: March 19, 1997.

Andrew L. Bates,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee Meeting of the Severe Accident Analyses Subcommittee and the Materials and Engineering Subcommittee

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

The NSRRC Accident Analyses Subcommittee and the Materials and Engineering Subcommittee will hold meetings on April 2, 1997. Both of these meetings will take place in room T-10A1, Two White Flint North (TWFN) Building, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD and will be open to public attendance.

The Materials and Engineering Subcommittee will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and will review the ECCS Blockage Strainer Issue and the progress and details of the Equipment Qualification of Electric Cables Program.

The Accident Analyses Subcommittee will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to (1) discuss the ACRS's subcommittee meeting on thermal hydraulic scaling and review its subcommittee report; (2) discuss coordination with the ACRS; and (3) discuss other open issues.

The Subcommittees will report to the full Committee on the facts and analyses discussed at the meeting.

Oral statements may be presented by members of the public with the concurrence of the presiding Subcommittee Chairman; written statements will be accepted and made available to the Subcommittee. Questions may be asked only by members of the Committee and the staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify the Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff member named below as far in advance as is practicable so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

During the initial portions of the meetings, the Subcommittee may exchange preliminary views regarding matters to be considered during the balance of the meeting.

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, the scheduling of sessions, whether the meetings have been canceled or rescheduled, and the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefore can be obtained by a telephone call to Dr. Jose Luis M. Cortez (telephone 301/415-6596) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (EST). Persons planning to attend these meetings are encouraged to contact the above named individual one or two business days before the scheduled meeting to be advised of any changes in schedule, etc., that may have occurred.

Dated: March 18, 1997.

Jose Luis M. Cortez,

Senior Research Program Coordinator, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulator Commission.

DATES: Weeks of March 24, 31, April 7, and 14, 1997.

PLACE: Commissioners' Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public and Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of March 24

Tuesday, March 25

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on High-Burnup Fuel Issues (Public Meeting)
(Contact: Ralph O. Meyer, 301-415-6789)

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of March 31—Tentative

Monday, March 31

10:00 a.m.

Briefing by the Executive Branch (Closed—Ex. 1)

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

2:00 p.m.

Classified Security Briefing (Closed—Ex. 1)

2:30 p.m.

Meeting with DOE on External Regulation of DOE Facilities (Public Meeting)

Week of April 7—Tentative

Wednesday, April 9

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Week of April 14—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of April 14.

The schedule for Commission meetings is subject to change on short notice. To verify the status of meetings call (Recording)—(301) 415-1292.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Bill Hill, (301) 415-1661.

The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at:

<http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>

This notice is distributed by mail to several hundred subscribers; if you no longer wish to receive it, or would like to be added to it, please contact the Office of the Secretary, Attn: Operations Branch, Washington, D.C. 20555, (301-415-1661).

In addition, distribution of this meeting notice over the internet system is available. If you are interested in receiving this Commission meeting schedule electronically, please send an electronic message to wmh@nrc.gov.

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Dated: March 21, 1997.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request For Review of a Revised Information Collection: Forms RI 20-7 and RI 30-3

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13, May 22, 1995), this notice announces that the Office of Personnel Management has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for clearance of a revised information collection. RI 20-7, Representative Payee Application, is used by CSRS and FERS to collect information from persons applying to be fiduciaries for annuitants or survivor annuitants who appear to be incapable of handling their own funds or for minor children. RI 30-3, Information Necessary for a Competency Determination, collects medical