

Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action involves features located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The proposed change does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Alternative to the Proposed Action*

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 did not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statements related to operation of CR3, dated May 1973.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on April 28, 1997 the staff consulted with the Florida State Official, Mr. Mike Stephens of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

The Commission has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed exemption. 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.

For further details with respect to this action, see the request for exemption dated June 22, 1995 which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC and at the local public document room located at Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal Street, Crystal River, Florida 32629.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of May 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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### **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. 50-219]

#### **GPU Nuclear Corporation, et al. Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-16, issued to GPU Nuclear Corporation, et al. (the licensee), for operation of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, located in Ocean County, New Jersey.

#### **Environmental Assessment**

##### *Identification of the Proposed Action*

The proposed action would revise the technical specifications (TSs) to reflect implementation of the revised 10 CFR part 20 which was published in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 1991 (56 FR 23391), and implemented at Oyster Creek on January 1, 1994.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated November 12, 1996, as supplemented November 27, 1996.

##### *The Need for the Proposed Action*

The proposed action is needed in order to retain operational flexibility consistent with 10 CFR part 50, Appendix I, concurrent with the implementation of the revised 10 CFR part 20.

##### *Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action*

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that implementation of the proposed action, in regards to the actual release rates as referenced in the TSs as a dose rate to the maximally exposed member of the public, will not increase the types or amounts of effluents that may be released offsite. The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes

that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does involve features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

#### *Alternatives to the Proposed Action*

Since the Commission has concluded 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 for the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station.

#### *Agencies and Persons Consulted*

In accordance with its stated policy, on April 15, 1997, the staff consulted with the New Jersey State official, Richard Pinney of the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

#### **Finding of No Significant Impact**

Based upon 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 November 12, 1996, as supplemented by letter dated November 27, 1996, which 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 Ocean County Library, Reference Department, 101 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ 08753.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of May 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE:** Weeks of May 5, 12, 19, and 26, 1997.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

*Week of May 5*

Tuesday, May 6

2:00 p.m. Briefing on PRA Implementation Plan (Public Meeting) (Contact: Gary Holahan, 301-415-2884)

Wednesday, May 7

2:00 p.m. Briefing on IPE Insight Report (Public Meeting)

3:30 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

Thursday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI) (Public Meeting) (Contact: Larry Camper, 301-415-7231)

*Week of May 12—Tentative*

Tuesday, May 13

2:00 p.m. Briefing by National and Wyoming Mining Associations (Public Meeting)

Wednesday, May 14

2:00 p.m. Briefing on Status of Activities with CNWRA and HLW Program (Public Meeting)

Thursday, May 15

9:30 a.m. Briefing on Status of HLW Program (Public Meeting)

2:00 p.m. Briefing on Performance Assessment Progress in HLW, LLW, and SDMP (Public Meeting)

3:30 p.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

*Week of May 19—Tentative*

Tuesday, May 20

11:30 a.m. Affirmation Session (Public Meeting) (if needed)

2:00 p.m. Meeting with Advisory Committee on Nuclear Waste

(ACNW) (Public Meeting) (Contact: John Larkins, 301-415-7360)

Wednesday, May 21

10:00 a.m. Briefing on Program to Improve Regulatory Effectiveness (Public Meeting)

*Week of May 26—Tentative*

*There are no meetings scheduled for the week of May 26.*

**Note:** 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](mailto:wmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

Dated: May 2, 1997.

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Biweekly Notice

#### Applications and Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses Involving No Significant Hazards Considerations

##### I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 97-415, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission or NRC staff) is publishing this regular biweekly notice. Public Law 97-415 revised section 189 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act), to require the Commission to publish notice of any amendments issued, or proposed to be issued, under a new provision of section 189 of the Act. This provision grants the Commission the authority to issue and make immediately effective any amendment to an operating license upon a determination by the Commission that such amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, notwithstanding the

pendency before the Commission of a request for a hearing from any person.

This biweekly notice includes all notices of amendments issued, or proposed to be issued from April 12, 1997, through April 25, 1997. The last biweekly notice was published on April 23, 1997 (62 FR 19825).

#### Notice Of Consideration Of Issuance Of Amendments To Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, And Opportunity For A Hearing

The Commission has made a proposed determination that the following amendment requests involve no significant hazards consideration. Under the Commission's regulations in 10 CFR 50.92, this means that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendment would not (1) involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated; or (2) create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated; or (3) involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety. The basis for this proposed determination for each amendment request is shown below.

The Commission is seeking public comments on this proposed determination. Any comments received within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice will be considered in making any final determination.

Normally, the Commission will not issue the amendment until the expiration of the 30-day notice period. However, should circumstances change during the notice period such that failure to act in a timely way would result, for example, in derating or shutdown of the facility, the Commission may issue the license amendment before the expiration of the 30-day notice period, provided that its final determination is that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration. The final determination will consider all public and State comments received before action is taken. Should the Commission take this action, it will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of issuance and provide for opportunity for a hearing after issuance. The Commission expects that the need to take this action will occur very infrequently.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to the Chief, Rules Review and Directives Branch, Division of Freedom of Information and Publications Services, Office of Administration, U.S.