

Nos. 1 and 2, located in Calvert County, Maryland.

### Environmental Assessment

#### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed exemption would allow relief from General Design Criterion 2 (GDC-2) during the upgrading of the Unit 1 emergency diesel generator (EDG) No. 1B. The proposed exemption will permit the temporary removal of two steel doors which provide protection for the EDG No. 1B, which will be out of service to allow modifications which will increase its load capacity, and also provides protection to the operating Calvert Cliffs Unit No. 2 EDG No. 2A and the support systems common to Unit 1 EDG 1B and the operating Unit 2 EDGs 2A and 2B. The support systems are required to be operable to support the operation of Unit 2.

The upgrading of the Unit 1 EDG No. 1B will be performed during the upcoming Unit 1 refueling outage (RFO-14). RFO 14 is scheduled to commence on April 3, 1998, and be completed in early June 1998. The two steel missile doors will be required to be removed about 4 times during the outage. Only one door will be removed at a time. The licensee estimates that each of the removals will last for about 24 hours, which will result in a total removal time of about 100 hours during the scheduled 60-day RFO-14.

#### The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed temporary exemption is needed to permit the completion of the highly desirable upgrade to the Unit 1 EDG No. 1B without an unnecessary unit shutdown.

#### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the proposed action involves features located entirely within the protected area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20.

The proposed action will not result in an increase in the probability or consequences of accidents or result in a change in occupational or offsite dose. Therefore, there are no radiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed action will not result in a change in nonradiological plant effluents and will have no other nonradiological environmental impact.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no environmental impacts associated with this 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.

The principal alternative to requesting the temporary exemption for implementation of the EDG upgrade would be to comply with the restrictive requirements of GDC-2. However, the alternative would not significantly enhance the protection of the environment and would result in significant loss of power generation since a dual unit outage would be required.

#### Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement dated April 1973 for the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2.

#### Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on October 2, 1997, the staff consulted with the Maryland State official, Richard J. McLean of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, 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 September 12, 1997, as supplemented November 3, 1997, 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 Calvert County Library, Prince Frederick, Maryland.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 23d day of December 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of  
Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### Public Workshop: Demonstrating Compliance With the Radiological Criteria for License Termination—Analyses To Demonstrate ALARA, Net Public Harm, Not Technically Achievable, and Prohibitively Expensive

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

**ACTION:** Notice of workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The NRC will hold a public workshop in Rockville, Maryland to receive input from licensees and the public on a working paper on "Analyses to Demonstrate ALARA, Net Public Harm, Not Technically Achievable, and Prohibitively Expensive." This working paper is being developed as a section of a future Regulatory Guide, "Demonstrating Compliance With the Radiological Criteria for License Termination." The Regulatory Guide is being written to describe an acceptable method to comply with the NRC's recent final rule on Radiological Criteria for License Termination (62 FR 39058; July 21, 1997). The purpose of the workshop is to obtain comments, suggestions, and information from the public on the approach in the working paper so that a better Regulatory Guide can be developed. All interested licensees and members of the public are invited to attend this workshop.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held on January 26, 1998, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at about 5 p.m. There is no pre-registration. Interested parties, unable to attend the workshop, are encouraged to provide written comments by February 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The public workshop will be held in the NRC's auditorium at Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. Visitor parking around the NRC building is limited; however, the workshop site is located adjacent to the White Flint Station on the Metro Red Line. A transcript of this workshop will be available for inspection, and copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Lower Level, Washington, DC 20555, on or about February 6, 1998.

### Obtaining the Working Paper

A copy of the working paper to be discussed can be obtained electronically at the NRC Technical Conference Forum Website under the topic "Final Rule for License Termination" at <http://techconf.llnl.gov/cgi-bin/topics> or from the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555; telephone 202-634-3273; fax 202-634-3343. To view the working paper at the Website, select "Final Rule on Radiological Criteria for License Termination," then select "Lic Term Document Library," then select "Regulatory Guide," and then select "Module C.4: Regulatory Position—Analyses to Demonstrate ALARA, Net Public Harm, Not Technically Achievable, and Prohibitively Expensive."

### Meeting Agenda

- 9:00 Welcome and introduction.
- 9:15 Presentation describing the proposed method with opportunity for questions and discussion.
- 12:00 Lunch.
- 1:30 Public comments on the proposed working paper. The guide will be considered and commented upon section by section. Attendees will be asked for questions and comments on each section.
- 5:00 Adjourn.

### SUBMITTING WRITTEN COMMENTS:

Comments may be posted electronically on the NRC Technical Conference Forum Website mentioned above. Comments submitted electronically can also be viewed at that Website. Comments may also be mailed to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information or questions on meeting arrangements, contact Jayne McCausland, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone 301-415-6219, fax 301-415-5385, E-mail: JMM2@NRC.GOV. For technical information or questions, contact Stephen A. McGuire, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, telephone 301-415-6204; fax: 301-415-5385; E-mail: SAM2@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 24th day of December, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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*Acting Chief, Radiation Protection and Health Effects Branch, Division of Regulatory Applications, RES.*

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### NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

#### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**DATE:** Weeks of December 29, 1997, January 5, 12, and 19, 1998.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

*Week of December 29*

There are no meetings the week of December 29.

*Week of January 5—Tentative*

There are no meetings the week of January 5.

*Week of January 12—Tentative*

Thursday, January 15

9:00 a.m. Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING) (if needed)

*Week of January 19—Tentative*

Wednesday, January 21

10:00 a.m. Briefing on Operating Reactors and Fuel Facilities (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: William Dean, 301-415-1726)

2:00 p.m. Briefing on Material Control of Generally Licensed Devices (PUBLIC MEETING) (Contact: Larry Camper, 301-415-7231)

3:30 p.m. Affirmation Session (PUBLIC MEETING)

Friday, January 23

9:00 a.m. Discussion of Interagency Issues (Closed—Ex. 9)

\*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.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** By a vote of 4-0 on December 18, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and 10 CFR Sec. 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Affirmation of Louisiana Energy Services—Financial Qualifications Aspects of Petitions for Review of LBP-96-25" be held on December 18, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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 [wmmh@nrc.gov](mailto:wmmh@nrc.gov) or [dkw@nrc.gov](mailto:dkw@nrc.gov).

Dated: December 24, 1997.

**William M. Hill, Jr.,**

*SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.*

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### RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

#### Agency Forms Submitted for OMB Review

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) has submitted the following proposal(s) for the collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

#### Summary of Proposal(s)

- (1) *Collection title:* Self-Employment Questionnaire.
- (2) *Form(s) submitted:* AA-4.
- (3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0138.
- (4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 3/31/1998
- (5) *Type of request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.
- (6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.
- (7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 1,000.
- (8) *Total annual responses:* 1,000.
- (9) *Total annual reporting hours:* 691.
- (10) *Collection description:* Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act provides for payment of annuities to qualified employees and their spouses. Work for a railroad, work for a "Last Pre-retirement Non-Railroad Employer" (LPE) and work in self-employment affect payment in different ways. This collection obtains information to determine whether claimed self-employment is really self-employment, and not work for a railroad or LPE.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:** Copies of the forms and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer