August 10, 11, and 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on August 13, and from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on August 14, in Room 714 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on August 13, will be open to the public for a policy discussion on field issues and needs, Leadership initiatives, Millennium projects, and guidelines.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on August 10, 11, and 12, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on August 13, and from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on August 14, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman on May 14, 1998, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, 202/682–5532, TDY–TDD 202/682–5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682–5691.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (1189); Notice of Meeting

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

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering & Environmental Systems.

Date and Time: July 30, 1998, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Rooms 320 & 330, Arlington, VA 22230.

Contact Person: Dr. A. Fred Thompson, Program Director, Environmental Technology Program, Division of Bioengineering & Environmental Systems, Room 565, NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230 703/306–1318.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Industrial Ecology proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government Sunshine Act.

Dated: July 10, 1998.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: U.S. 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 39—Licenses and Radiation Safety Requirements for Well Logging.

3. How often the collection is required: Applications for new licenses and amendments may be submitted at any time. Applications for renewal are submitted every 10 years. Reports are submitted as events occur.

4. Who will be required or asked to report: Applicants for and holders of specific licenses authorizing the use of licensed radioactive material in well logging.

5. The number of annual responses: 518 NRC licensees and 1,036 Agreement State licensees.

6. The number of annual respondents: 51 NRC licensees and 102 Agreement State licensees.

7. The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: Approximately 3.4 hours annually per respondent for applications and reports, plus approximately 232 hours annually per recordkeeper. The industry total burden is 11,094 hours annually for NRC licensees and 24,004 hours annually for Agreement State licensees.

8. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104–13 applies: Not applicable.

9. Abstract: NRC regulations in 10 CFR Part 39 establish radiation safety requirements for the use of radioactive material in well logging operations. The information in the applications, reports and records is used by the NRC staff to ensure that the health and safety of the public is protected and that licensee possession and use of source and byproduct material is in compliance with license and regulatory requirements.

A copy of the final supporting statement may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (lower level), Washington, DC. OMB clearance requests are available at the NRC worldwide web site (http://www.nrc.gov) under the FedWorld collection link on the home page tool bar. 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 by August 17, 1998.

Erik Godwin, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150–0130), NEOB–10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395–3084.

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

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 8th day of July, 1998.

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. 50–269, 50–270, and 50–287]

Duke Energy Corporation; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendments to Facility Operating Licenses, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of amendments to Facility Operating License Nos. DPR–38, DPR–47, and DPR–55, issued to Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee), for operation of the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, respectively, located in Seneca, South Carolina.

If approved, the proposed amendments would allow temporary noncompliance with the Penetration Room Ventilation System air flow surveillance requirements of Technical Specification (TS) 4.5.4.1.b.1 until modifications can be completed to support testing in accordance with ANSI Standard N510–1975, as required by the TSs. These modifications are scheduled to be completed on all three units by August 30, 1998.

Oconee TS 4.5.4.1.b.1 requires that every 18 months the Penetration Room Ventilation System fans be demonstrated to operate at design flow (+/-10 percent) when tested in accordance with ANSI Standard N510–1975. ANSI Standard N510–1975 requires that a pitot tube velocity-traverse method be used in accordance with Section 9 of the American Conference of Government Industrial Hygienists Industrial Ventilation requirements. The flow measurement method that has been used since original construction uses installed orifice plates to measure the air flow.

However, during a Safety System Engineering Inspection at Oconee for the Control Room Ventilation System (CRVS) and Penetration Room Ventilation System (PRVS), the NRC identified a violation that indicated that the PRVS fans were not tested in accordance with the TSs and ANSI Standard N510–1975. This violation was included in Inspection Report Nos. 50–269/98–03, 50–270/98–03, and 50–287/09–03 dated May 4, 1998. By letter dated June 4, 1998, the licensee denied the violation based on a belief that the use of the orifice plates met the requirements of the TSs and the ANSI standard. As part of the review of this issue, the licensee conducted flow measurement tests using a pitot tube array and attempted (unsuccessfully) to locate calibration data for the orifices. The licensee was unable to develop an alternate method to measure flow that was reliable.

By letter dated July 6, 1998, the NRC informed the licensee that its denial of the violation was rejected. Consequently, the licensee entered TS 3.0, which required that all three units be in the hot shutdown condition within 12 hours, and requested that a Notice of Enforcement Discretion (NOED) be granted. The NOED was issued on July 8, 1998, and will be effective until the proposed amendments that were submitted on July 8, 1998, are processed. Since the proposed amendments are designed to complete the review process and implement the TS changes, pursuant to the NRC's policy regarding exercising discretion for an operating facility set out in Section VII.c of the ''General Statement of Policy and Procedures for NRC Enforcement Actions'' (Enforcement Policy), NUREG–1600, and be effective for the period until the issuance of the related TS amendments, these circumstances require that the amendments be processed under exigent circumstances.

Before issuance of the proposed license amendments, the Commission will have made findings required by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (the Act) and the Commission's regulations.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 50.91(a)(6) for amendments to be granted under exigent circumstances, the NRC staff must determine that the amendment request involves 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 amendments 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. As required by 10 CFR 50.91(a), the licensee has provided its analysis of the issue of no significant hazards consideration, which is presented below:

[This proposed change has been evaluated against the standards in 10 CFR 50.92 and has been determined to involve no significant hazards, in that operation of the facility in accordance with the proposed amendments would not:]

1. Involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated:

This proposed change does not increase the probability of an accident evaluated in the SAR [Safety Analysis Report] because:

This evaluation addresses the potential impact of revising Technical Specification 4.5.4.1.b.1 to include a note to allow a temporary noncompliance with this surveillance requirement until August 30, 1998, to complete the necessary modifications to enable flow testing in accordance with ANSI N510–1975.

As described in the technical justification (Attachment 3 [of the July 8, 1998, submittal]), the use of orifice plates in the Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3 Penetration Room Ventilation Systems (PRVSs) to measure the flow from the PRVS fans, in lieu of ANSI N510–1975 requirements, does not increase the probability of an accident evaluated in the SAR because this condition is not an accident initiator. There is no physical change to any plant structures, systems, or components (SSCs) or operating procedures. Neither electrical power systems, nor important to safety mechanical SSCs will be adversely affected. The PRVS has been evaluated as operable for normal and accident conditions. There are no shutdown margin, reactivity management, or fuel integrity concerns. There is no increase in accident initiation likelihood, therefore analyzed accident scenarios are not impacted.

This proposed change does not increase the probability of a malfunction of equipment important to safety evaluated in the SAR because:

As described in the technical justification, the use of orifice plates which are currently used in Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3 to measure the flow from the PRVS fans, in lieu of ANSI N510–1975 requirements, does not increase the probability of a malfunction of equipment important to safety. This activity does not physically change or modify any plant system, structure, or component. The PRVS is QA [quality assurance] condition 1 (QA–1) and is required to filter reactor building leakage which enters the East and West Penetration Rooms. This activity does not change any test procedures. Nothing is being done to inhibit the integrity or function of the PRVS. No valve manipulations, electrical alignments, or system configurations are required.

This change does not increase the consequences of an accident evaluated in the SAR because:

This activity will not adversely affect the ability to mitigate any SAR described accidents. The PRVS flow is within the system design limits as measured by the orifice plates. In addition, Duke [Duke Energy Corporation] has performed bounding analyses which demonstrate that the carbon filter efficiency is still within the Technical Specification limits at higher flow rates. Therefore, Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3 will meet system design requirements for the PRVS. There is no adverse impact on containment integrity, radiological release pathways, fuel