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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information contact Theresa Berry, Office of Public Affairs, Room N-3647, telephone (202) 219-8615 Ext. 106, at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20210.

An official record of the meeting will be available for public inspection at the OSHA Docket Office, Room N-2625, telephone 202-219-7894. All ACCSH meetings and those of its work groups are open to the public. Individuals with disabilities requiring reasonable accommodations should contact Theresa Berry no later than September 30, 1998 at the above address.

ACCSH was established under section 107(e)(1) of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 333) and section 7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C 656).

ACCSH will meet from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7 and from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, October 8 in Rooms N-5437 B, C, and D.

The agenda items for the October 7 and 8, 1998 meeting include: Remarks by the Assistant Secretary for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Charles N. Jeffress.

Construction Standards and Policy Updates to include the Proposed Standard on Subpart R "Steel Erection", the Status of the Construction Safety and Health Management Standard, the Proposed Revisions to Multi-employer Policy, and other construction related issues.

ACCSH Work Group Updates, to include such subjects as; Sanitation, Data Collection/Enforcement, Confined Space, Scaffolds, and Musculoskeletal Disorders.

For information on ACCSH Work Group meeting schedules or topics, contact Jim Boom, Directorate of Construction, Office of Construction Services, Room N-3603, Telephone 202-219-8136, extension 143.

Interested persons may submit written data, views or comments, preferably with 20 copies, to Theresa Berry, at the address above. Those submissions, received prior to the meeting will be provided to ACCSH and will be included in the record of the meeting.

Interested persons may also request to make an oral presentation by notifying Theresa Berry before the meeting. The request must state the amount of time desired, the interest that the person represents, and a brief outline of the presentation. ACCSH may grant

requests, as time permits, at the discretion of the Acting Chair of ACCSH.

Signed at Washington, DC this 16th day of September, 1998.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

TITLE OF COLLECTION: 1999 Survey of Doctorate Recipients (OMB Control No. 3145-0020).

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), and as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the National Science Foundation (NSF) is inviting the general public or other Federal agencies to comment on this proposed continuing information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or for a copy of the collection instrument and instructions contact Ms. Mary Lou Higgs, Acting Clearance Officer, via surface mail: National Science Foundation, ATTN: NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Suite 295, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; telephone (703) 306-2063; e-mail mlhiggs@nsf.gov; or FAX (703) 306-0201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Abstract

The Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR) has been conducted biennially since 1973. From the 1999 cycle, a sample of individuals under the age of 76 who have earned doctoral degrees in science and engineering from U.S. institutions will be surveyed. The purpose of the study is to provide national estimates describing the relationship between education and employment for Ph.D. recipients in science and engineering. The study is one of three components of the Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the nation's science and engineering population.

The National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as subsequently amended, includes a statutory charge to "... provide a central clearinghouse for the

collection, interpretation, and analysis of data on scientific and engineering resources, and to provide a source of information for policy formulation by other agencies of the Federal Government." The Survey of Doctorate Recipients is designed to comply with these mandates by providing information on the supply and utilization of doctorate level scientists and engineers. Collected data will be used to produce estimates of the characteristics of these individuals. They will also provide necessary input into the SESTAT labor force data system, which produces national estimates of the size and characteristics of the country's science and engineering population. The Foundation uses this information to prepare congressionally mandated reports such as Women and Minorities in Science and Engineering and Science and Engineering Indicators. A public release file of collected data, designed to protect respondent confidentiality, is expected to be made available to researchers on CD-ROM and on the World Wide Web.

Questionnaires will be mailed in April 1999 and nonrespondents to the mail questionnaire computer assisted telephone interviewing (CATI). The survey will be collected in conformance with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the individual's response to the survey is voluntary. NSF will insure that all information collected will be kept strictly confidential and will be used only for research or statistical purposes, analyzing data, and preparing scientific reports and articles.

2. Expected Respondents

We will mail the survey to a statistical sample of approximately 40,000 U.S. doctorates.

3. Burden on the Public

The amount of time to complete the questionnaire may vary depending on an individual's circumstances; however, on average it will take approximately 25 minutes to complete the survey. We estimate that the total annual burden will be 16,666 hours during the year.

Comments Requested

DATES: Send written comments to NSF on or before November 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Ms. Mary Lou Higgs, Acting Clearance Officer, through surface mail at: National Science Foundation, ATTN: NSF Reports Clearance Officer, Suite 295, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230; through e-mail mlhiggs@nsf.gov; or FAX (703) 306-0201.

SPECIAL AREAS FOR REVIEW: NSF request special review and comments in the following areas:

(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Foundation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the Foundation's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

Mary Lou Higgs,

Acting NSF Clearance Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 50-382]

Facility Operating License No. NPF-38, Entergy Operations, Inc.; Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3; Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment to Facility Operating License, Proposed No Significant Hazards Consideration Determination, and Opportunity for a Hearing

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NFP-38 issued to Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee) for operation of the Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit 3, located in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

The proposed amendment would modify the Notes in Table 2.2-1 (Reactor Protective Instrumentation Trip Setpoints Limits) and Table 3.3-1 (Reactor Protective Instrumentation). A Bases change is being proposed to support this change.

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

The Commission has made a proposed determination 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 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. 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:

1. Will operation of the facility in accordance with this proposed change involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of an accident previously evaluated?

Response: No

The proposed changes modify the table notations for the 10-4% Bistable in TS 2.2.1 and 3.3.1. The proposed changes to these trip bypass removal functions do not adversely impact any system, structure, or component design or operation in a manner that would result in a change in the frequency or occurrence of accident initiation. The reactor trip bypass removal functions are not accident initiators. System connections and the trip setpoints themselves are not affected by trip bypass removal setpoint variations.

Since the hysteresis for the 10-4% Bistable is small, there is a negligible impact on the CEA withdrawal analyses. Revised analyses, accounting for slightly different bypass removal power levels caused by the bistable hysteresis, would result in negligible changes to the calculated peak power and heat flux for the pertinent CEA withdrawal events. Therefore, the consequences of any accident previously evaluated will not significantly change.

Therefore, the proposed change will not involve a significant increase in the probability or consequences of any accident previously evaluated.

2. Will operation of the facility in accordance with this proposed change create the possibility of a new or different type of accident from any accident previously evaluated?

Response: No

The trip bypass removal functions in question protect against possible reactivity events. The power, criticality levels, and possible bank withdrawals associated with these trip functions have already been evaluated. Therefore, all pertinent reactivity events have previously been considered. Slight differences in the power level at which the automatic trip bypass removal occurs can not cause a different kind of accident.

There has been no changes to any plant system, structure, or component, nor will these changes reduce the ability of any of the safety-related equipment required to mitigate AOOs.

Therefore, the proposed change will not create the possibility of a new or different kind of accident from any accident previously evaluated.

3. Will operation of the facility in accordance with this proposed change involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety?

Response: No

The safety function associated with the CPC and HLP trip functions are maintained. Since the hysteresis for the 10-4% Bistable

is small, there is a negligible impact on the CEA withdrawal analyses. Calculated peak power and heat flux are not significantly changed as a result of the bistable hysteresis. All acceptance criteria are still met for these events. There is no change to any margin of safety as a result of this change.

Therefore, the proposed change will not involve a significant reduction in a margin of safety.

The NRC staff has reviewed the licensee's analysis and, based on this review, it appears that the three standards of 10 CFR 50.92(c) are satisfied. Therefore, the NRC staff proposes to determine that the amendment request involves no significant hazards consideration.

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. 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 and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice. Written comments may also be delivered to Room 6D59, Two White Flint North, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Federal workdays. Copies of written comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC.

The filing of requests for hearing and petitions for leave to intervene is discussed below.

By October 22, 1998, the licensee may file a request for a hearing with respect