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Dated: July 22, 1999.

Robert B. Briggs,

Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 99-100]

Notice of Agency Report Forms Under OMB Review

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of Agency Report Forms Under OMB Review.

SUMMARY: The National Aeronautics and Space Administration, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This information is used to determine whether the requested license should be granted.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received on or before September 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to Ms. Michele Hull, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in NASA's request for OMB approval.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carmela Simonson, Office of the Chief Information Officer, (202) 358-1223.

Reports

Title: Required Central Contractor Registration.

OMB Number: 2700-

Type of review: New.

Need and Uses: NASA is requiring its vendors to register in DoD's Central contractor Registration Database. This requirement will be applicable for all awards excluding purchases with a Government purchase card.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Federal Government, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 10,120.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 10,120.

Hours Per Request: 1/2 hr.

Annual Burden Hours: 5,060.

Frequency of Report: Annually.

David B. Nelson,

Acting Chief Information Officer, Office of the Administrator.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of pending NRC action to submit an information collection request to OMB and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC is preparing a submittal to OMB for review and approval of information collections under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Information pertaining to the requirement to be submitted:

1. *The title of the information collection:* NRC Form 592, "NRC's Handling of Your Concerns".

2. *Current OMB approval number:* None.

3. *How often the collection is required:* One time, as allegations are closed.

4. *Who is required or asked to report:* Individuals who have submitted an allegation to the NRC.

5. *The number of annual respondents:* 240.

6. *The number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* 240 hours (one hour per response).

7. *Abstract:* NRC Form 592 is used to conduct a voluntary survey of allegeders who bring health and safety concerns to the NRC. The survey is used to determine the level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with NRC's handling of their allegation. The survey will be sent to allegeders in various categories (allegers whose allegations were resolved but not substantiated, resolved and substantiated, or resolved and partially substantiated) whose allegations were filed in each of the four NRC regional

offices and the two major program offices, the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation and the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards. The results of this survey will be used by NRC management to gauge the effectiveness of its existing program and to develop programmatic revisions, as needed, to improve its handling of allegations.

Submit, by September 27, 1999, comments that address the following questions:

1. Is the proposed collection of information necessary for the NRC to properly perform its functions? Does the information have practical utility?

2. Is the burden estimate accurate?

3. Is there a way to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected?

4. How can the burden of the information collection be minimized, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology?

A copy of the draft 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/NRC/PUBLIC/OMB/index.html>). The document will be available on the NRC home page site for 60 days after the signature date of this notice.

Comments and questions about the information collection requirements may be directed to the NRC Clearance Officer, Brenda Jo. Shelton, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, T-6 E6, Washington, DC 20555-0001, by telephone at 301-415-7233, or by Internet electronic mail at BJS1@NRC.GOV.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of July 1999.

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 Nos. 50-269, 50-270, and 50-287]

Duke Energy Corp.; Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is

considering issuance of an exemption from certain requirements of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) part 50, § 50.60(a) to the Duke Energy Corporation (the licensee) for operation of the Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, located in Seneca, Oconee County, South Carolina.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would exempt the licensee from certain provisions of 10 CFR part 50, § 50.60(a) and 10 CFR part 50, appendix G. The NRC has established requirements in 10 CFR part 50 to protect the integrity of the reactor coolant pressure boundary (RCPB) in nuclear power plants. As part of these requirements, 10 CFR part 50, appendix G requires that pressure-temperature (P-T) limits be established for reactor pressure vessels (RPVs) during normal operating and hydrostatic or leak rate testing conditions. Specifically, 10 CFR part 50, appendix G states that "[t]he appropriate requirements * * * on pressure-temperature limits and minimum permissible temperature must be met for all conditions." Appendix G of 10 CFR part 50 specifies that the requirements for these limits are the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code, Section XI, Appendix G limits.

Pressurized water reactor licensees have installed cold overpressure mitigation systems/low temperature overpressure protection (LTOP) systems in order to protect the RCPB from being operated outside of the boundaries established by the P-T limit curves and to provide pressure relief on the RCPB during low temperature overpressurization events. The licensee is required by the Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3 Technical Specifications (TS) to update and submit the changes to its LTOP setpoints whenever the licensee is requesting approval for amendments to the P-T limit curves in the Oconee Unit 1, 2, and 3 TS.

Therefore, in order to address provisions of amendments to the TS P-T limits and LTOP curves, the licensee requested in its submittal dated May 11, 1999, that the staff exempt Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3 from application of specific requirements of 10 CFR part 50, § 50.60(a) and 10 CFR part 50, appendix G, and substitute use of three ASME Code Cases as follows:

1. N-514 as an alternate methodology for determining the low temperature overpressure protection system enable temperature,
2. N-588 for determining the reactor vessel P-T limits derived from

postulating a circumferentially-oriented reference flaw in a circumferential weld, and

3. N-626 as an alternate reference fracture toughness for reactor vessel materials for use in determining the P-T limits. (As a result of recent ASME code committee action, the designation for Code Case N-626 was changed to N-640. Therefore, Code Case N-640 will be discussed below rather than Code Case N-626, the designation referenced in the submittal.)

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for exemption contained in a submittal dated May 11, 1999, and is needed to support the TS amendments that are contained in the same submittal and are being processed separately. The proposed amendments will revise the P-T limits of TS 3.4.3 for Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3 related to the heatup, cooldown, and inservice test limitations for the Reactor Coolant System of each unit to a maximum of 33 Effective Full Power Years (EFPY). It will also revise TS 3.4.12, Low Temperature Overpressure Protection System, to reflect the revised P-T limits of the reactor vessels.

The Need for the Proposed Action

During staff review of this submittal, the staff determined that granting of an exemption for the use of Code Case N-514 was not necessary.

ASME Code Case N-588 and Code Case N-626 (which is now Code Case N-640) are needed to revise the method used to determine the RCS P-T limits, since continued use of the present curves unnecessarily restricts the P-T operating window. Application of the code cases will, therefore, relax the LTOP operating window and reduce potential challenges to the reactor coolant system power operated relief valves. In addition, the present restrictions require that, under certain low temperature conditions, only one reactor coolant pump in a reactor coolant loop may be operated. The licensee has found from experience that the effect of this restriction is degradation of the reactor coolant pump impellers from cavitation sustained when either one pump or one pump in each loop is operating. Application of the Code Cases will allow operation of two reactor coolant pumps in a single loop, which will eliminate this condition.

In the associated exemption, the staff has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii), the underlying purpose of the regulation will continue to be served by the implementation of these Code Cases.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the exemption described above would provide an adequate margin of safety against brittle failure of the Oconee Units 1, 2, and 3 reactor vessels.

The proposed action will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types or amounts of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in occupational or public radiation exposure. Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological environmental impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impacts. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

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

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action (i.e., the "no-action" alternative). 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 Oconee Nuclear Station, Units 1, 2, and 3, dated March 1972.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on July 15, 1999, the staff consulted with the South Carolina State official, Mr. Virgil Autry of the Division of Radioactive Waste Management, Bureau of Land and Waste Management, Department of Health and Environmental Control, regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of 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 May 11, 1999, which is 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 Oconee County Library, 501 West South Street, Walhalla, South Carolina.

Dated at Rockville, MD, this 23rd day of July 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Richard L. Emch, Jr.,

Section Chief, Section 1, Project Directorate II, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Thursday, July 29, 1999.

PLACE: Commissioner's Conference Room, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland.

STATUS: Public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Thursday, July 29

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Implementation of the License Termination Rule and Program on Complex Decommissioning Cases (Public Meeting)

(Contact: Larry Camper, 301-415-7231)

4:00 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)
*(PLEASE NOTE: This item will be affirmed immediately following the conclusion of the preceding meeting.)

a: Final Rule: Certification Renewal and Amendment Processes, 10 CFR Part 76

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Dated: July 22, 1999.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Sunshine Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

DATE: Weeks of July 26, August 2, 9, and 16, 1999.

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

STATUS: Public and closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Week of July 26

Thursday, July 29

2:00 p.m.

Briefing on Implementation of the License Termination Rule and Program on Complex Decommissioning Cases (Public Meeting)

Contact: Larry Camper, 301-415-7231)

4:00 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)
* PLEASE NOTE: This item will be affirmed immediately following the conclusion of the preceding meeting.)

a: Final Rule: Certification Renewal and Amendment Processes, 10 CFR Part 76

Friday, July 30

9:30 a.m.

Briefing on Performance Assessment Progress in LLW, HLW, and SDMP (Public Meeting) (Contact: Norman Eisenberg, 301-415-7285)

Week of August 2—Tentative

Thursday, August 5

10:00 a.m.

Briefing on EEO Program (Public

Meeting)

(Contact: Irene Little, 301-415-7380)

3:30 p.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)
(If needed)

Week of August 9—Tentative

Thursday, August 12

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting)
(If needed)

Week of August 16—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of August 16.

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Dated: July 23, 1999.

William M. Hill, Jr.,

SECY Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.

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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 Pub. L. 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

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