

reflect the new calculated free volume of the secondary containment. The April 17, April 22 and April 24, 1997, submittals provided additional clarifying information that did not change the initial proposed no significant hazards consideration determination.

Date of Issuance: April 25, 1997

Effective date: Immediately, to be implemented within 30 days.

Amendment Nos.: 158 and 153

Facility Operating License Nos. DPR-19 and DPR-25: The amendments revised the Technical Specifications. Press release issued requesting comments as to proposed no significant hazards consideration: Yes. April 22, 1997. Joliet Herald News. Comments received: No. The Commission's related evaluation of the amendments, finding of exigent circumstances, consultation with the State of Illinois and final determination of no significant hazards consideration are contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 25, 1997.

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Pennsylvania Power and Light Company, Docket No. 50-388, Susquehanna Steam Electric Station, Unit 2, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania

Date of application for amendment: April 16, 1997, and as supplemented by a letter dated April 18, 1997

Brief description of amendment: This amendment changes the footnote in the Design Features Section 5.3.1 of the Technical Specifications to allow the use of ATRIUM-10 fuel in Operational Conditions 3 and 4.

Date of issuance: April 25, 1997

Effective date: As of the date of issuance to be implemented upon receipt.

Amendment No.: 138

Facility Operating License No. NPF-22: This amendment revised the Technical Specifications. Public comments requested as to proposed no significant hazards consideration: Yes. The NRC published a public notice of the proposed amendment, issued a proposed finding of no significant hazards consideration and requested that any comments on the proposed no significant hazards consideration be provided to the staff by the close of business on April 24, 1997. The notice was published in the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader and the Berwick Press

Enterprise on April 22-24, 1997. Public comments were received and have been addressed in the staff's safety evaluation.

The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment, finding of exigent circumstances, consultation with the State of Pennsylvania and final no significant hazards consideration determination are contained in a Safety Evaluation dated April 25, 1997.

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NRC Project Director: John F. Stolz
Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of April 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

NUREG-1606, Proposed Regulatory Guidance Related to Implementation of 10 CFR 50.59 (Changes, Tests or Experiments)

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment NUREG-1606, a document that presents proposed regulatory guidance and staff interpretations regarding implementation of 10 CFR 50.59. Section 50.59 defines the conditions under which reactor licensees may make changes to the facility or procedures as described in the safety analysis report (SAR) and the conduct of tests or experiments not described in the SAR without prior NRC approval. Changes (including tests or experiments) involving a change to the technical specifications or an unreviewed safety question require NRC approval by a license amendment before implementation. The NRC has been evaluating the need to develop or clarify guidance on aspects related to 10 CFR 50.59 over the last several months. This draft NUREG issued for comment, entitled "Proposed Regulatory Guidance Related to Implementation of 10 CFR 50.59 (Changes, Tests or Experiments)" presents the results of the NRC's review.

The draft report was forwarded to the Commission in SECY-97-035, dated February 12, 1997. The proposed regulatory guidance reaffirms existing regulatory practice in many areas; clarifies the NRC's expectations and positions in areas where industry practice or position differs from the NRC's expectations for implementation of 10 CFR 50.59; and establishes guidance in areas where previous guidance did not exist. The NUREG also briefly discusses some policy issues related to potential rulemaking for 10 CFR 50.59. This document is being issued to seek comment on whether the proposed regulatory guidance is clear and whether there are other areas in which guidance or changes to the rule would be useful.

Draft NUREG-1606 is available for inspection and copying for a fee at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW (Lower Level), Washington D.C. 20555-0001. A free single copy of draft NUREG-1606, to the extent of supply, may be requested by writing to Distribution Services, Printing, Graphics and Distribution Branch, Office of Information Resources Management, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555-0001.

DATES: The comment period ends July 7, 1997. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practical. Following review of public comments, NRC will determine whether to issue a regulatory guide or to take other action. Any changes in industry guidance or requirements will be subject to 10 CFR 50.109 backfit review before issuance.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the NRC document (NUREG-1606) to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555-0001. Comments may be hand-delivered to 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville Maryland, between 7:45 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. on Federal workdays. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, Washington DC.

Comments may be submitted electronically, in either ASCII text or WordPerfect format (version 5.1 or later) by calling the NRC Electronic Bulletin Board on FedWorld. The bulletin board may be accessed using a personal computer, a modem, and one of the commonly available software packages, or directly via Internet.

If using a personal computer and modem, the NRC subsystem on

FedWorld can be accessed directly by dialing the toll free number: 1-800-303-9672. Communication software parameters should be set as follows: parity to none, data bits to 8, and stop bits to 1 (N,8,1). Using NSAI or VT-100 terminal emulation, the NRC NUREGs and RegGuides for Comment subsystem can then be accessed by selecting the "Rules Menu" option for the "NRC Main Menu." For further information about options available for NRC at FedWorld, consult the "Help/Information Center" from the "NRC Main Menu." Users will find the "FedWorld Online User's Guides" particularly helpful. Many NRC subsystems and databases also have a "Help/Information Center" option that is tailored to the particular subsystem.

The NRC subsystem on FedWorld can also be accessed by a direct dial phone number for the main FedWorld BBS, 703-321-3339, or by using Telnet via Internet, fedworld.gov. If using 703-321-3339 to contact FedWorld, the NRC subsystem will be accessed from the main FedWorld menu by selecting the "Regulatory, Government Administration and State Systems", then selecting "Regulatory Information Mail." At that point, a menu will be displayed that has an option "U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission" that will take you to the NRC Online main menu. The NRC Online area also can be accessed directly by typing "/go nrc" at a FedWorld command line. If you access NRC from FedWorld's main menu you may return to FedWorld by selecting the "Return to FedWorld" option from the NRC Online Main Menu. However, if you access NRC at FedWorld by using NRC's toll-free number, you will have full access to all NRC systems but you will not have access to the main FedWorld system.

If you contact FedWorld using Telnet, you will see the NRC area and menus, including the Rules menu. Although you will be able to download documents and leave messages, you will not be able to write comments or upload files (comments). If you contact FedWorld using FTP, all files can be accessed and downloaded but uploads are not allowed; all you will see is a list of files without descriptions (normal Gopher look). An index file listing all files within a subdirectory, with descriptions, is included. There is a 15-minute time limit for FTP access.

Although FedWorld can be accessed through the World Wide Web, like FTP that mode only provides access for downloading files and does not display the NRC Rules menu. For more information on NRC bulletin boards, call Mr. Arthur Davis, Systems

Integration and Development Branch, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington DC 20555, telephone (301) 415-5780, e-mail AXD3@nrc.gov.

The NUREG report is also electronically available for downloading from the Internet through the NRC home page at: "http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NUREGS/SR1606/index.html". However, comments cannot be provided electronically by this means; see above discussion about the NRC BBS for electronic filing of comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Eileen McKenna, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington D.C. 20555, telephone (301) 415-2189; e-mail EMM@nrc.gov.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 30th day of April 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Proposed Submission of Information Collection for OMB Review; Comment Request; Procedures for PBGC Approval of Multiemployer Plan Amendments

AGENCY: Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

ACTION: Notice of intention to request extension of OMB approval.

SUMMARY: The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC") intends to request that the Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") extend approval, under the Paperwork Reduction Act, of a collection of information in its regulation on Procedures for PBGC Approval of Plan Amendments (29 CFR Part 4220) (OMB control number 1212-0031; expires July 31, 1997). This notice informs the public of the PBGC's intent and solicits public comment on the collection of information.

DATES: Comments should be submitted by July 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Office of the General Counsel, suite 340, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, or delivered to that address between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days. Written comments will be available for public inspection at the PBGC's

Communications and Public Affairs Department, suite 240 at the same address, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah C. Murphy, Attorney, office of the General Counsel, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, 1200 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005-4026, 202-326-4024 (202-326-4179 for TTY and TDD).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 4201 through 4225 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), specify rules for when a withdrawal from a multiemployer plan occurs and how to calculate a withdrawing employer's withdrawal liability. Section 4220 of ERISA requires plans to seek PBGC approval if they adopt certain alternative rules authorized by sections 4201 through 4219. Any such alternative rule is effective only if the PBGC approves the plan amendment adopting the rule or, within 90 days after receiving notice and a copy of the amendment, fails to disapprove it. The PBGC may disapprove an amendment only if it determines that the amendment creates an unreasonable risk of loss to plan participants and beneficiaries or to the PBGC.

The PBGC's regulation on Procedures for PBGC Approval of Plan Amendments (29 CFR Part 4220) includes, in § 4220.3, rules for requesting the PBGC's approval of an amendment. Section 4220.3(d) requires the submission of information that the PBGC needs to identify a plan and evaluate the risk of loss, if any, posed by the amendment (and, hence, determine whether it should disapprove the amendment). The regulation also permits submission of other information that the plan sponsor may consider pertinent to the request.

The collection of information under the regulation has been approved by OMB under control number 1212-0031 through July 31, 1997. The PBGC intends to request that OMB extend its approval for another three years. The PBGC estimates that it receives three submissions annually under the regulation and that each submission costs the submitting plan about \$165 to have prepared by an outside consultant, for a total annual cost burden of \$495.

The PBGC is soliciting public comments to—

- evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;