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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of May 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 NO. 50-353]

### PECO Energy Company; Limerick Generating Station, Unit 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-85, issued to PECO Energy Company (the licensee), for operation of the Limerick Generating Station (LGS), Unit 2, located in Montgomery and Chester Counties, Pennsylvania.

#### Environmental Assessment

##### Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would approve the implementation of a plant modification to support the installation of replacement suction strainers for the emergency core cooling systems (residual heat removal and core spray) pumps at LGS, Unit 2.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated October 6, 1997, as supplemented by letter dated August 28, 1998.

##### The Need for the Proposed Action

On May 6, 1996, the NRC issued NRC Bulletin 96-03, "Potential Plugging of Emergency Core Cooling Suction Strainers by Debris in Boiling Water Reactors," that requested addressees to implement appropriate procedural measures and plant modifications to minimize the potential for clogging of emergency core cooling system (ECCS) suppression pool suction strainers by debris generated during a loss-of-coolant accident (LOCA) and requested that addressees report to the NRC whether they intend to implement the requested actions.

In response to the above cited bulletin, the licensee proposed a plant modification to install replacement

suction strainers in the ECCS pumps. The replacement strainer surface areas, which are substantially larger than the currently installed strainers, are required to reduce potential strainer clogging due to debris in the suppression pool following a postulated loss-of-coolant accident.

#### Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the installation of the replacement strainers in the ECCS pumps reduces potential strainer clogging due to debris in the suppression pool following a loss-of-coolant accident and does not change the manner in which the plant is being operated or the environmental impacts of operation. The proposed action involves features entirely within the protected area as defined in 10 CFR part 20.

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

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites and only involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological 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 Limerick Generating Station, Unit 2.

#### Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on October 29, 1998, the staff consulted with the Pennsylvania State official, Mr. David Ney of the Bureau of Radiation Protection, 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 October 6, 1997, as supplemented by letter dated August 28, 1998, 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 Pottstown Public Library, 500 High Street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 12th day of May 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**James W. Clifford,**

*Chief, Section 2, Project Directorate 1, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

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

**DATE:** Weeks of May 17, 24, 31, and June 7, 1999.

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

**STATUS:** Public and Closed.

#### MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

##### Week of May 17

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of May 17.

##### Week of May 25—Tentative

Thursday, May 27

11:30 a.m.

Affirmation Session (Public Meeting), (if needed)

##### Week of May 31—Tentative

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of May 31.

**Week of June 7—Tentative**

There are no meetings scheduled for the Week of June 7.

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.

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** By a vote of 5-0 May 12, the Commission determined pursuant to U.S.C. 552b(e) and § 9.107(a) of the Commission's rules that "Discussion of Management Issues" (Closed-Ex. 2 and 6) be held on May 12, and on less than one week's notice to the public.

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The NRC Commission Meeting Schedule can be found on the Internet at: <http://www.nrc.gov/SECY/smj/schedule.htm>.

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

Dated: May 13, 1999.

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

*Secy Tracking Officer, Office of the Secretary.*  
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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### Revision of Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors: Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued Revision 8 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," (formerly "Operator Licensing Examiner Standards"). The Commission uses this document to provide policy and guidance for the development, administration, and grading of written examinations and operating tests used to determine the qualifications of individuals who apply for operator and senior operator licenses at nuclear power plants pursuant to Part 55 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal

Regulations (10 CFR Part 55). The NUREG provides similar guidance for verifying the continued qualifications of licensed operators when the staff determines that NRC requalification examinations are necessary.

NUREG-1021 has been revised to implement an amendment to 10 CFR Part 55 that allows power reactor facility licensees to prepare their initial operator licensing examinations or to request the NRC to prepare their examinations. The changes in Revision 8 include: (1) lessons learned since beginning the pilot examination program described in Generic Letter 95-06, "Changes in the Operator Licensing Program," dated August 15, 1995; (2) adjustments made in response to public comments submitted in connection with a draft of Revision 8, which was issued for comment on February 22, 1996 (61 FR 6869); and (3) adjustments made in response to public comments submitted in connection with Interim Revision 8, which was issued for use in February 1997 (62 FR 8462), and the proposed amendment to 10 CFR Part 55 that was published on August 8, 1997 (62 FR 42426). The "Executive Summary" section of the NUREG briefly describes all of the significant changes between Revision 7 (Supplement 1) and Revision 8.

Revision 8 will become effective concurrent with the associated amendment to 10 CFR Part 55 or at an earlier date agreed upon by the facility licensee and its NRC Regional Office. Facility licensees that elect to prepare their examinations will do so based on the guidance in NUREG-1021, unless the NRC has reviewed and approved the facility licensee's alternative examination procedures.

Copies of NUREG-1021, Revision 8, are being mailed to the plant or site manager at each nuclear power facility regulated by the NRC. A copy is available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC. NUREG-1021 is also electronically available for downloading from the internet at "<http://www.nrc.gov>."

Dated At Rockville, Maryland, this 23rd day of April 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**Robert M. Gallo,**

*Chief, Operator Licensing, Human Performance and Plant Support Branch, Division of Inspection Program Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.*

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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:* Employee Noncovered Service Pension Questionnaire.

(2) *Form(s) submitted:* G-209.

(3) *OMB Number:* 3220-0154.

(4) *Expiration date of current OMB clearance:* 7/31/1999.

(5) *Type of request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(6) *Respondents:* Individuals or households.

(7) *Estimated annual number of respondents:* 500.

(8) *Total annual responses:* 500.

(9) *total annual reporting hours:* 55.

(10) *Collection description:* Under Section 3 of the Railroad Retirement Act, the Tier 1 portion of an employee annuity may be subjected to a reduction for benefits received based on work not covered under the Social Security Act or Railroad Retirement Act. The questionnaire obtains the information needed to determine if the reduction applies and the amount of such reduction.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the form and supporting documents can be obtained from Chuck Mierzwa, the agency clearance officer (312-751-3363). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60611-2092 and the OMB reviewer, Laurie Schack (202-395-7316), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10230, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

**Chuck Mierzwa,**

*Clearance Officer.*

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## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange