

petition without requesting leave of the Board up to 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, but such an amended petition must satisfy the specificity requirements described above.

Not later than 15 days prior to the first prehearing conference scheduled in the proceeding, a petitioner shall file a supplement to the petition to intervene which must include a list of the contentions which are sought to be litigated in the matter. Each contention must consist of a specific statement of the issue of law or fact to be raised or controverted. In addition, the petitioner shall provide a brief explanation of the bases of the contention and a concise statement of the alleged facts or expert opinion which support the contention and on which the petitioner intends to rely in proving the contention at the hearing. The petitioner must also provide references to those specific sources and documents of which the petitioner is aware and on which the petitioner intends to rely to establish those facts or expert opinion. Petitioner must provide sufficient information to show that a genuine dispute exists with the applicant on a material issue of law or fact. Contentions shall be limited to matters within the scope of the amendment under consideration. The contention must be one which, if proven, would entitle the petitioner to relief. A petitioner who fails to file such a supplement which satisfies these requirements with respect to at least one contention will not be permitted to participate as a party.

Those permitted to intervene become parties to the proceeding, subject to any limitations in the order granting leave to intervene, and have the opportunity to participate fully in the conduct of the hearing, including the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Since the Commission has made a final determination that the amendment involves no significant hazards consideration, if a hearing is requested, it will not stay the effectiveness of the amendment. Any hearing held would take place while the amendment is in effect.

A request for a hearing or a petition for leave to intervene must be filed with the Secretary of the Commission, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff or may be delivered to the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, by the above date. A copy of the petition should also be sent to the Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

Washington, DC 20555-0001, and to the attorney for the licensee.

Nontimely filings of petitions for leave to intervene, amended petitions, supplemental petitions and/or requests for a hearing will not be entertained absent a determination by the Commission, the presiding officer or the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board that the petition and/or request should be granted based upon a balancing of the factors specified in 10 CFR 2.714(a)(1)(i)-(v) and 2.714(d).

STP Nuclear Operating Company, Docket Nos. 50-498 and 50-499, South Texas Project, Unit 2, Matagorda County, Texas

Date of amendment request: July 1, 1999.

Brief description of amendment: The amendment provides for a one-time change to Technical Specifications 3.3.2 and 3.7.8 for Unit 2 to allow all fuel handling building exhaust air system components to be inoperable for a period not to exceed 8 hours to facilitate repair of the Train B exhaust booster fan.

Date of issuance: July 2, 1999.

Effective date: From the date of amendment issuance until July 14, 1999.

Amendment No.: Unit 2-100.

Facility Operating License No. NPF-80: The amendment revised the Technical Specifications. Public comments requested as to proposed no significant hazards consideration: No. The Commission's related evaluation of the amendment, finding of emergency circumstances, and final determination of no significant hazards consideration are contained in a Safety Evaluation dated July 2, 1999.

Local Public Document Room location: Wharton County Junior College, J.M. Hodges Learning Center, 911 Boling Highway, Wharton, Texas 77488.

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NRC Section Chief: Robert A. Gramm.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of July 1999.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John A. Zwolinski,

Director, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Regulatory Guide; Issuance, Availability

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for public comment a proposed revision of a guide in its Regulatory Guide Series. This series has been developed to describe and make available to the public such information as methods acceptable to the NRC staff for implementing specific parts of the NRC's regulations, techniques used by the staff in evaluating specific problems or postulated accidents, and data needed by the staff in its review of applications for permits and licenses.

The draft guide, temporarily identified by its task number, DG-3014 (which should be mentioned in all correspondence concerning this draft guide), is a proposed Revision 1 of Regulatory Guide 3.66, "Standard Format and Content of Financial Assurance Mechanisms Required for Decommissioning Under 10 CFR Parts 30, 40, 70, and 72." This proposed revision is being developed to update the NRC's guidance on how to demonstrate financial assurance for decommissioning. The guide also establishes a standard format for presenting the information to the NRC.

The draft guide has not received complete staff approval and does not represent an official NRC staff position.

Comments may be accompanied by relevant information or supporting data. Written comments may be submitted to the Rules and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Copies of comments received may be examined at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street NW, Washington, DC. Comments will be most helpful if received by September 30, 1999.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website through the NRC home page (<http://www.nrc.gov>). This site provides the availability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For information about the interactive rulemaking website, contact Ms. Carol Gallagher, (301) 415-5905; e-mail CAG@nrc.gov. For information about the draft guide and the related documents, contact Mr. L.M. Bykoski, (301) 415-6754; e-mail LMB1@nrc.gov.

Although a time limit is given for comments on this draft guide, comments and suggestions in connection with items for inclusion in guides currently being developed or

improvements in all published guides are encouraged at any time.

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(5 U.S.C. 552(a))

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 24th day of June 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Charles E. Ader,

Director, Program Management, Policy Development and Analysis Staff, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

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OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT

Excepted Service

AGENCY: Office of Personnel Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This gives notice of positions placed or revoked under Schedules A and B, and placed under Schedule C in the excepted service, as required by Civil Service Rule VI, Exceptions from the Competitive Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Jacobs, Acting Director, Staffing Reinvention Office, Employment Service (202) 606-0830.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Personnel Management published its last monthly notice updating appointing authorities established or revoked under the Excepted Service provisions of 5 CFR part 213 on June 22, 1999 (62 FR 33328). Individual authorities established or revoked under Schedules A and B and established under Schedule C between May 1, 1999, and May 31, 1999, appear in the listing below. Future notices will be published on the fourth Tuesday of each month, or as soon as possible thereafter. A consolidated listing of all authorities as of June 30 will also be published.

Schedule A

No Schedule A authorities were established during June 1999.

The following Schedule A authorities were revoked during June 1999:

Department of Commerce

One position above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

Department of Defense

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

Federal Emergency Management Agency

One position above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

Department of Justice

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

Department of Transportation

Two positions above GS-15 in support of the President's Commission on Critical Infrastructure Protection. Effective June 16, 1999.

Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board

All positions. Effective June 21, 1999.

Schedule B

No Schedule B authorities were established or revoked during June 1999.

Schedule C

The following Schedule C authorities were established during June 1999.

Department of Agriculture

Staff Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Staff. Effective May 5, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Civil Rights. Effective May 5, 1999.

Confidential Assistant to the Administrator, Agricultural Research Center. Effective May 18, 1999.

Department of the Air Force (DOD)

Secretary (Steno/OA) to the General Counsel of the Air Force. Effective May 7, 1999.

Department of Commerce

Director of Public Affairs to the Under Secretary for International Trade Administration. Effective May 6, 1999.

Policy Advisor to the Assistant to the Secretary and Director, Office of Policy

and Strategic Planning. Effective May 10, 1999.

Ombudsman to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere. Effective May 10, 1999.

Department of Defense

Defense Fellow to the Special Assistant for White House Liaison. Effective May 6, 1999.

Protocol Specialist to the Director of Protocol. Effective May 11, 1999.

Department of Education

Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Service. Effective May 5, 1999.

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental and Constituent Relations to the Assistant Secretary, Office of Intergovernmental and Interagency Affairs. Effective May 20, 1999.

Department of Energy

Special Assistant to the Director of Scheduling and Advance. Effective May 6, 1999.

Associate Chief Financial Officer for Budget, Planning and Financial Management to the Chief, Financial Management. Effective May 24, 1999.

Staff Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs. Effective May 27, 1999.

Department of Health and Human Services

Special Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs (Policy and Strategy). Effective May 13, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff. Effective May 20, 1999.

Department of the Interior

Special Assistant to the Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation. Effective May 6, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs. Effective May 20, 1999.

Department of Justice

Staff Assistant to the Attorney General. Effective May 7, 1999.

Department of Labor

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration. Effective May 5, 1999.

Special Assistant to the Administrator, Office of Job Training Programs, Employment and Training Administration. Effective May 6, 1999.

Intergovernmental Officer to the Assistant Secretary for Congressional