

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel In Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (#1766)
Date/Time: January 20-21, 2000; from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rooms 360, 365 and 370, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Christopher A. Loretz, Associate Program Manager, and Ms. Thomasina Edwards, Senior Program Assistant, East Asia and Pacific Program, Room 935, Division of International Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306-1701.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals submitted to the NSF Summer Programs in Japan, Korea and Taiwan (Program Announcement NSF 99-152).

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: November 1, 1999.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**Special Emphasis Panel in Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences; Notice of Meeting**

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (#1766).

Date/Time: January 6-7, 2000; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 390, Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Ms. Susan Parris, Program Manager, International Research Fellow Awards Program, Division of International Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201

Wilson Boulevard, Room 935, Arlington, VA 22230. (703) 306-1711.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate applications to the International Research Fellow Awards Program submitted in response to the program announcement (NSF 96-14).

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personnel information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: November 1, 1999.

Karen J. York,

Committee Management Officer.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[DOCKET NO. 50-313]

Entergy Operations, Inc.; Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit No. 1; Notice of Withdrawal of Application for Amendment to Facility Operating License

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) has granted the request of Entergy Operations, Inc. (the licensee), to withdraw its September 19, 1999, application for proposed amendment to Facility Operating License No. DPR-51 for the Arkansas Nuclear One, Unit No. 2, located in Pope County, Arkansas.

The proposed amendment would have modified the facility technical specifications to allow the use of steam generator repair roll technology as a repair method for tubesheet defects identified in the steam generator upper tubesheet region.

The Commission had previously issued a Notice of Consideration of Issuance of Amendment published in the **Federal Register** on September 23, 1999 (64 FR 51561). However, by letter dated September 30, 1999, the licensee withdrew the proposed change.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application for amendment dated September 19, 1999, and the licensee's letter dated September 30, 1999, which withdrew the application for license amendment. The above documents are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW.,

Washington, DC, and publicly available electronically from the ADAMS Public Library Component on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov> (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 28th day of October 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

M. Christopher Nolan,

Project Manager, Section 1, Project Directorate IV & Decommissioning, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**Northeast Nuclear Energy Company, et al.; Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact**

[Docket No. 50-423]

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License No. NPF-49, issued to Northeast Nuclear Energy Company (NNECO or the licensee), for operation of the Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3 (MP3), located in New London County, Connecticut.

Environmental Assessment**Identification of the Proposed Action:**

The proposed action would correct existing editorial and typographical errors in the Technical Specifications (TS). Each proposed change has been verified to meet the intent of what was originally proposed by NNECO and approved by the NRC in previously processed amendments to the TS. These changes are purely administrative and do not impact the operation of the facility. The proposed changes are summarized below.

1. TS 3.8.3.2—Change 3.8.3.2.b.4.1 to 3.8.3.2.b.4.a.

2. TS 4.6.2.1.a.1 and TS 4.6.2.2.a—Add the word "that" after the words "flow path."

3. TS 4.8.1.1.2.i—Change TS 4.8.1.1.2.i.1 to TS 4.8.1.1.2.i.

4. TS 4.9.12—Change TS 4.9.12 to TS 4.9.12.1.

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendment dated August 5, 1999.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Changes to TS 3.8.3.2 and TS 4.9.12 are needed to correct sequential numbering in the TS. Changes to TS

4.6.2.1.a.1 and TS 4.6.2.2.a are needed to address a TS modification that was previously approved by the NRC in Amendment 50. The word "that" was inadvertently omitted from these TS Sections when Amendments 100 and 122 were approved. The change to TS 4.9.12 is needed to clarify that there is only one surveillance requirement in this paragraph.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the modifications to the TS are administrative in nature.

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 off site, 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 non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant non-radiological environmental 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 Related to the Operation of Millstone Nuclear Power Station, Unit No. 3," dated December 1984 (NUREG-1064).

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on August 19, 1999, the staff consulted with the Connecticut State official, Mr. Denny Galloway of the Department of Environmental Protection, 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 August 5, 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 rooms located at the Learning Resources Center, Three Rivers Community-Technical College, 574 New London Turnpike, Norwich, Connecticut, and the Waterford Library, 49 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, Connecticut.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 1st day of November 1999.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

John A. Nakoski, Sr.

Project Manager, Section 2, Project Directorate I, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title and purpose of information collection: Application for Benefits Due but Unpaid at Death; OMB 3220-0055.

Under Section 2(g) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (RUIA), benefits under that Act that accrued but were not paid because of the death of an employee shall be paid to the same individual(s) to whom benefits are payable under Section 6(a)(1) of the Railroad Retirement Act. The provisions relating to the payment of such benefits are prescribed in 20 CFR 325.5 and 20 CFR 335.5.

The RRB provides Form UI-63 for use in applying for the accrued sickness or unemployment benefits unpaid at the death of the employee and for securing the information needed by the RRB to identify the proper payee. Completion is voluntary. One response is requested of each respondent.

The RRB proposes minor editorial changes to the UI-63. The completion time for the UI-63 is estimated at 7 minutes. The RRB estimates that approximately 200 responses are received annually.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363. Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 N. Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Chuck Mierzwa,

Clearance Officer.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. IC-24118]

Notice of Applications for Deregistration Under Section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

October 29, 1999.

The following is a notice of applications for deregistration under section 8(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 for the month of October 1999. A copy of each application may be obtained for a fee at the SEC's Public Reference Branch, 450 Fifth St., NW, Washington, DC 20549-0102 (tel. 202-942-8090). An order granting each application will be issued unless the SEC orders a hearing. Interested persons may request a hearing on any application by writing to the SEC's Secretary at the address below and