

Non-Radiological Environmental Assessment

The licensee reviewed the non-radiological environmental impacts of power uprate based on information submitted in the Environmental Report—Operating License Stage to support original licensing of LaSalle, Units 1 and 2, the Final Environmental Protection Statement (NUREG-0486), the requirements of the Environmental Protection Plan and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. The proposed power uprate will not affect compliance with NPDES requirements.

As a result of power uprate to 105 percent of current licensed core power, normal heat loads to the cooling lake will increase primarily from an increase in heat load from the condenser and from other increased heat loads rejected by the plant service water system. An increase in steam and condensate flow will result in a corresponding increase in the net heat rejection to the cooling lake. Based on a condenser backpressure of 3.5 inches Hg, a 1 degree Fahrenheit rise in circulating water temperature is expected relative to the current temperature rise value of approximately 24 degrees Fahrenheit. This, in turn, will raise cooling lake temperature, thus, increasing circulating water inlet temperature to the condenser. The lake is expected to experience a 0.4 degree increase in temperature on a long-term basis. Based on this minimal temperature rise, thermal shock to the fish population of the lake is not expected. The effect on lake evaporation, makeup, and blowdown was evaluated and found to be acceptable. The effect on cooling lake total dissolved solids was determined to remain within the licensee's administrative limit of 750 ppm.

The LaSalle cooling lake discharges into the Illinois River. ComEd evaluated the effects of power uprate on the temperature of the water in the river in the vicinity of the cooling lake blowdown and concluded that significant margin exists between the maximum expected edge of mixing zone temperature and imposed regulatory limits.

ComEd also evaluated the noise effects due to operation at uprated power and determined that, because the turbine and reactor building supply and exhaust fans will continue to operate at current speeds and noise levels at uprated conditions, the overall noise level will not increase.

With regard to potential non-radiological impacts, the proposed action does not change the method of

generating electricity at LaSalle, Units 1 and 2, nor the methods of handling effluents from the environment or effluents to the environment. No changes to land use would result and the proposed action does not involve any historic sites. Therefore, no new or different types of non-radiological environmental impacts are expected. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant non-radiological 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 significant change in current environmental impacts and would reduce the operational flexibility. 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 LaSalle County Station, Units 1 and 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on March 23, 2000, the staff consulted with the Illinois State official, Mr. Frank Nizeolik of the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety, 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 July 14, 1999, as supplemented on January 21, February 15, February 23, March 10, March 24, March 31, and April 7, 2000, which are available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, The Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and accessible electronically through the ADAMS Public Electronic Reading Room link at the NRC Web site (<http://www.nrc.gov>)

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 12th day of April 2000.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards; Meeting Notice

In accordance with the purposes of Sections 29 and 182b. of the Atomic Energy Act (42 U.S.C. 2039, 2232b), the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards will hold a meeting on May 11-13, 2000, in Conference Room T-2B3, 11545 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland. The date of this meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, October 14, 1999 (64 FR 55787).

Thursday, May 11, 2000

8:30 A.M.-8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 A.M.-10 A.M.: Initiatives Related to Risk-Informed Technical Specifications (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff and industry groups regarding initiatives related to risk-informed technical specifications, initial industry submittals on risk-informed technical specifications, and related matters.

10:15 A.M.-11:45 A.M.: Potential Revisions to the Pressurized Thermal Shock (PTS) Acceptance Criterion (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding a draft Commission Paper that describes potential revisions to the PTS acceptance criterion.

12:45 P.M.-2:15 P.M.: Proposed Revision to Regulatory Guide 1.174, "An Approach for Using Probabilistic Risk Assessment in Risk-Informed Decisions on Plant-Specific Changes to the Licensing Basis" (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding proposed revisions to Regulatory Guide 1.174 and associated guidance on the use of risk information in license amendment reviews.

2:30 P.M.-4:00 P.M.: Proposed Regulatory Guide and Standard Review Plan (SRP) Section Associated with NRC Code Reviews (Open)—The Committee

will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding proposed Regulatory Guide and SRP Section associated with the NRC staff's review of the analytical codes.

4 P.M.–5 P.M.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports for consideration by the full Committee.

5 P.M.–7 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss a proposed ACRS report on matters considered during this meeting. In addition, the Committee will discuss a proposed ACRS report on the Human Performance Program.

Friday, May 12, 2000

8:30 A.M.–8:35 A.M.: Opening Remarks by the ACRS Chairman (Open)—The ACRS Chairman will make opening remarks regarding the conduct of the meeting.

8:35 A.M.–10 A.M.: SECY-00-0062, Risk-Informed Regulation Implementation Plan (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding a risk-informed regulation implementation plan described in SECY-00-0062.

10:15 A.M.–11:30 A.M.: Operating Event at E.I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1 (Open)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the findings and recommendations of the Augmented Inspection Team, which investigated the January 26, 2000 reactor trip event at E.I. Hatch Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1.

11:30 A.M.–11:45 A.M.: Reconciliation of ACRS Comments and Recommendations (Open)—The Committee will discuss the responses from the NRC Executive Director for Operations (EDO) to comments and recommendations included in recent ACRS reports and letters. The EDO responses are expected to be made available to the Committee prior to the meeting.

12:45 P.M.–2:15 P.M.: Physical Security Requirements for Power Reactors (Open/Closed)—The Committee will hear presentations by and hold discussions with representatives of the NRC staff regarding the status of revising the physical security requirements for power reactors by incorporating insights gained from threat assessment activities being conducted by the staff in coordination with other Federal agencies.

Note: A portion of this session will be closed to discuss safeguards information.

2:30 P.M.–2:45 P.M.: Future ACRS Activities (Open)—The Committee will discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee regarding items proposed for consideration by the full Committee during future meetings.

2:45 P.M.–3:30 P.M.: Report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee (Open)—The Committee will hear a report of the Planning and Procedures Subcommittee on matters related to the conduct of ACRS business.

3:30 P.M.–4:30 P.M.: Break and Preparation of Draft ACRS Reports (Open)—Cognizant ACRS members will prepare draft reports for consideration by the full Committee.

4:30 P.M.–7 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will discuss proposed ACRS reports.

Saturday, May 13, 2000

8:30 A.M.–2 P.M.: Discussion of Proposed ACRS Reports (Open)—The Committee will continue its discussion of proposed ACRS reports.

1:30 P.M.–2 P.M.: Miscellaneous (Open)—The Committee will discuss matters related to the conduct of Committee activities and matters and specific issues that were not completed during previous meetings, as time and availability of information permit.

Procedures for the conduct of and participation in ACRS meetings were published in the **Federal Register** on September 28, 1999 (64 FR 52353). In accordance with these procedures, oral or written views may be presented by members of the public, including representatives of the nuclear industry. Electronic recordings will be permitted only during the open portions of the meeting and questions may be asked only by members of the Committee, its consultants, and staff. Persons desiring to make oral statements should notify Mr. Sam Duraiswamy, ACRS, five days before the meeting, if possible, so that appropriate arrangements can be made to allow necessary time during the meeting for such statements. Use of still, motion picture, and television cameras during this meeting may be limited to selected portions of the meeting as determined by the Chairman. Information regarding the time to be set aside for this purpose may be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy prior to the meeting. In view of the possibility that the schedule for ACRS meetings may be adjusted by the Chairman as necessary to facilitate the conduct of the meeting, persons

planning to attend should check with Mr. Sam Duraiswamy if such rescheduling would result in major inconvenience.

In accordance with Subsection 10(d) P.L. 92–463, I have determined that it is necessary to close a portion of this meeting noted above to discuss safeguards information per 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3).

Further information regarding topics to be discussed, whether the meeting has been canceled or rescheduled, the Chairman's ruling on requests for the opportunity to present oral statements and the time allotted therefor, can be obtained by contacting Mr. Sam Duraiswamy (telephone 301/415–7364), between 7:30 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., EDT.

ACRS meeting agenda, meeting transcripts, and letter reports are available for downloading or viewing on the internet at <http://www.nrc.gov/ACRSACNW>.

Videoteleconferencing service is available for observing open sessions of ACRS meetings. Those wishing to use this service for observing ACRS meetings should contact Mr. Theron Brown, ACRS Audio Visual Technician (301–415–8066), between 7:30 a.m. and 3:45 p.m., EDT, at least 10 days before the meeting to ensure the availability of this service. Individuals or organizations requesting this service will be responsible for telephone line charges and for providing the equipment facilities that they use to establish the videoteleconferencing link. The availability of videoteleconferencing services is not guaranteed.

Date: April 17, 2000.

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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a