NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget Review

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for collection of information under the provision of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 45)

1. Type of submission, new, revision, or extension: Revision.

2. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR Part 50. Decommissioning of Nuclear Power Reactors.

3. The form number if applicable: Not applicable.

4. How often is the collection required: Periodically upon a licensee's decision to permanently cease operations.

5. Who will be required or asked to report: Part 50 licensees that have decided to permanently cease operations.

6. An estimate of the number of responses: 2 licenses per year are expected to decide to permanently cease operations.

7. An estimate of the reduction of the number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: A reduction of 24,404 hours (12.202 per licensee).

8. An indication of whether Section 3504(h). Pub. L. 96–511 applies: Applicable.

9. Abstract: The proposed amendments would clarify ambiguities regarding decommissioning requirements and codify practices that have been used on a case-by-case basis. Nuclear power plant licensees desiring to decommission would be required to submit certifications of permanent cessation of operation and permanent fuel removal, submit a post shutdown decommissioning activities report and a license termination plan. Major decommissioning activities would be permitted by extending the 10 CFR 50.59 process to permanently shutdown reactors and include the recordkeeping and reporting requirements contained therein. For power reactor licensees, the license termination plan would be made part of the FSAR and would be subject to the FSAR updating documentation requirements. For non-power reactor licensees, the decommissioning plan would become part of the FSAR. Other Part 50 documentation and/or reporting requirements have been modified to reflect the permanent shutdown status of nuclear power reactors. These modifications clarify licensing conditions pertaining to permanently shutdown power reactors.

Copies of the submittal may be inspected or obtained for a fee from the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW (Lower Level), Washington, DC 20555.

Comments and questions can be directed by mail to the OMB reviwer: Troy Hillier, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150–0011), NEOB–10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395–3884.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda J. Shelton, (301) 415–7230.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 10th day of July 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Gerald F. Cranford,

Designated Senior Official for Information Resources Management.

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Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of change of meeting schedule.

As announced on July 6, 1995 (60 FR 35240), the Nuclear Safety Research Review Committee (NSRRC) will hold its next meeting on July 26–27, 1995. The purpose of the present notice is to provide a revised schedule, reflecting a shift of the Committee's July 27 meeting with the Commission from the morning to the afternoon. The location of the meeting on July 26 and the morning of July 27 will be the Severn Room at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. One Bethesda Metro, Bethesda, MD. The location of the July 27 afternoon portion of the meeting will be the Commission Conference Room in the One White Flint North (OWFN) Building, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD.

The revised schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, July 26, a.m. (Severn Room, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda)

8:00–8:20 Introductory remarks

8:20–12:00 Overall research program plans and priorities

1:15–445 Subcommittee reports

4:45–6:00 Committee discussion in preparation for Commission briefing

Thursday, July 27, a.m. (Severn Room, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Bethesda)

8:00–10:15 Committee discussion in preparation for Commission briefing (continued)

10:30–12:00 Status update on steam generator tube integrity issues

Thursday, July 27, p.m. (Commission Conference Room, OWFN, Rockville)

2:00–3:30 Meeting with the Commission

3:30–4:00 Committee discussion: follow-up plans.

Any inquiries regarding this notice or any subsequent changes in the status and schedule of the meeting may be made to the Designated Federal Officer, Mr. George Sege (telephone: 301–415–6593), between 8:15 am and 5:00 pm.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 11th day of July, 1995.

Andrew L. Bates,

Federal Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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Availability of Draft Application Format and Content Guidance and Review Plan and Acceptance Criteria for Non-Power Reactors

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is in the process of developing for Non-Power Reactors (NPRs) a ''Format and Content for Applications for the Licensing of Non-Power Reactors'' (F&C) and a ''Standard Review Plan and Acceptance Criteria for Applications for the Licensing of Non-Power Reactors'' (SRP). The NRC has made available a draft of Chapter 12, ''Conduct of Operations,'' of the F&C and SRP documents for comment. Other draft chapters will be made available for comment as they are completed.

Copies of these chapters have been placed in the NRC Public Document Room, the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20555. Single copies of these documents may be requested in writing from Alexander Adams, Jr., Senior Project Manager, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, MS: 0–11–B–20, Washington, DC 20555. Comments on this chapter should be sent by October 10, 1995, to the Director, Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Projects Directorate at the above address.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this July 7, 1995.

For The Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Seymour H. Weiss,

Director Non-Power Reactors and Decommissioning Project Directorate Division of Project Support Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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[Docket No. 50–458]

Exemption

In the matter of Entergy Operations, Inc. (River Bend Station, Unit 1).

I

Entergy Operations, Inc., (the licensee) is the holder of Facility Operating License No. NPF–47, which authorizes operation of the River Bend Station, Unit 1. The operating license provides, among other things, that the licensee is subject to all rules, regulations, and orders of the Commission now and hereafter in effect.

The facility consists of a boiling water reactor at the licensee's site in West Feliciana Parish, Louisiana.

II

Title 10 CFR 73.55, ''Requirements for physical protection of licensed activities in nuclear power reactors against radiological sabotage,'' paragraph (a), in part, states that ''The licensee shall establish and maintain an onsite physical protection system and security organization which will have as its objective to provide high assurance that activities involving special nuclear material are not inimical to the common defense and security and do not constitute and unreasonable risk to the public health and safety.''

10 CFR 73.55(d), ''Access Requirements,'' paragraph (I), specifies that ''The licensee shall control all points of personnel and vehicle access into a protected area.'' 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) requires that ''A numbered picture badge identification system shall be used for all individuals who are authorized access to protected areas without escort.'' 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) also states that an individual not employed by the licensee (i.e., contractors) may be authorized access to protected areas without escort provided the individual ''receives a picture badge upon entrance into the protected areas which must be returned upon exit from the protected area* * *''

The licensee proposed to implement an alternative unescorted access control system which would eliminate the need to issue and retrieve badges at each entrance/exit location and would allow all individuals with unescorted access to keep their badge with them when departing the site.

An exemption from 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) is required to allow contractors who have unescorted access to take their badges offsite instead of returning them when exiting the site. By letter dated October 24, 1994, the licensee requested an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) for this purpose.

III

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.5, ''Specific exemptions,'' the Commission may, upon application of any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the requirements of the regulations in this part as it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security, and are otherwise in the public interest.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55, the Commission may authorize a licensee to provide alternative measures for protection against radiological sabotage provided the licensee demonstrates that the alternative measures have ''the same high assurance objective'' and meet ''the general performance requirements'' of the regulation, and ''the overall level of system performance provides protection against radiological sabotage equivalent'' to that which would be provided by the regulation.

Currently, employee and contractor identification/access control cards are issued and retrieved on the occasion of each entry to and exit from the protected areas of the River Bend site. Station security personnel are required to maintain control of the badges while the individuals are offsite. This practice has been in effect at the River Bend Station, Unit 1 since the operating license was issued. Security personnel retain each identification access control card, when not in use by the authorized individual, within appropriately designed storage receptacles inside a bullet-resistant enclosure. An individual who meets the access authorization requirements is issued a picture identification card which also serves as an access control card. This card allows entry into preauthorized areas of the station. While entering the plant in the present configuration, an authorized individual is ''screened'' by the required detection equipment and by the issuing security officer. Having received the badge, the individual proceeds to the access portal, inserts the access control card into the card reader, and passes through the turnstile which is unlocked by the access card. Once inside the station, the access card allows entry into areas if the preauthorized criteria are met.

This present procedure is labor intensive since security personnel are required to verify badge issuance, ensure badge retrieval, and maintain the badges in orderly storage until the next entry into the protected area. The regulations permit employees to remove their badges from the site, but an exemption from 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5) is required to permit contractors to take their badges offsite instead of returning them when exiting the site.

Under the proposed system, all individuals authorized to gain unescorted access will have the physical characteristics of their hand (hand geometry) recorded with their badge number. Since the hand geometry is unique to each individual and its application in the entry screening function would preclude unauthorized use of a badge, the requested exemption would allow employees and contractors to keep their badges at the time of exiting the protected area. The process of verifying badge issuance, ensuring badge retrieval, and maintaining badges could be eliminated while the balance of the access procedure would remain intact. Firearm, explosive and metal detection equipment and provisions for conducting searches will remain as well. The security officer responsible for the last access control function (controlling admission to the protected area) will also remain isolated within a bullet-resistant structure in order to assure his or her ability to respond or to summon assistance.

Use of a hand geometry biometrics system exceeds the present verification methodology's capability to discern an individual's identity. Unlike the photograph identification badge, hand geometry is nontransferable. During the initial access authorization or registration process, hand measurements are recorded and the template is stored for subsequent use in the identity verification process required for entry into the protected area.

Authorized individuals insert their access authorization card into the card reader and the biometrics system records an image of the hand geometry. The unique features of the newly recorded image are then compared to the template previously stored in the database. Access is ultimately granted based on the degree to which the characteristics of the image match those of the ''signature'' template.

Since both the badge and hand geometry would be necessary for access into the protected area, the proposed system would provide for a positive