

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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[Docket Nos. 50-338 and 50-339]

**Virginia Electric & Power Company,
North Anna Power Station Units 1 and
2; Exemption Amendment**

I

The Virginia Electric and Power Company (VEPCO, the licensee) is the holder of Operating License No. NPF-4 which authorizes operation of North Anna Power Station Unit 1 and Operating License No. NPF-7 which authorizes operation of Unit 2. These operating licenses provide, among other things, that the North Anna Power Station is subject to all rules, regulations, and Orders of the Commission now or hereafter in effect.

The station comprises two pressurized water reactors at the Licensee's site located in Louisa County, Virginia.

II

By letter to the licensee dated November 6, 1986, Exemption 1 (among others) was approved by the NRC. Exemption 1 was from the technical requirements of Section III.G.3 of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50 to the extent that fire detection and fixed suppression systems were not installed throughout the Auxiliary, Fuel, and Decontamination Building (Fire Area 11). The original Safety Evaluation supporting Exemption 1 stated the charging pump cubicles had 3-hour fire-rated walls, and that the penetrations in these walls were sealed to a rating of 3 hours. By letter dated December 11, 1992, the licensee requested an addendum (exemption amendment) which revises the original Exemption 1 to account for non-fire-rated penetration seals and unprotected openings located in the south wall of the charging pump cubicles. The lack of penetration seals was identified in an NRC Inspection Report 50-338, 339/92-18 dated October 19, 1992.

The Commission's staff has evaluated the information provided by the licensee to support the addendum to Exemption 1. The Commission's Safety Evaluation relating to an Addendum to Exemption 1 From Certain Requirements of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50 is being issued concurrently with this exemption amendment. The

Safety Evaluation concludes that the lack of fire-rated penetration seals in the south wall of the pump cubicles does not present an undue risk to the public health and safety and that special circumstances are present in that application of the regulation in the particular circumstances is not necessary to achieve the underlying purpose of the rule.

III

The underlying purpose of Section III.G.3 of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50 is to ensure that safe shutdown capability is maintained. Notwithstanding the lack of three hour rated penetration seals, the circumstances, as fully described in the Safety Evaluation, are such that the installation of fire detection and fixed suppression systems throughout Fire Area 11 is not necessary to provide reasonable assurance that safe shutdown capability is maintained.

Therefore, the staff concludes that "special circumstances" exist for the licensee's requested exemption amendment in that application of the regulation in these particular circumstances is not necessary to achieve the underlying purposes of Section III.G.3 of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50. The Commission hereby grants an amendment to Exemption 1 granted November 6, 1986, and authorizes the subject addendum (attached) to revise Exemption 1 to account for non-fire-rated penetrations in the south wall of the charging pump cubicles.

IV

Accordingly, the Commission has determined that, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 50.12(a), (1) the exemption amendment as described in Section II is authorized by law and will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety and is consistent with common defense and security, and (2) special circumstances are present for the exemption amendment in that application of the regulation in this particular circumstance is not necessary to achieve the underlying purposes of Appendix R to 10 CFR Part 50.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that the issuance of the exemption amendment will have no significant impact on the environment (60 FR 45747).

This exemption amendment is effective upon its issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 12th day of September 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Notice of Meeting of the Trade
Advisory Committee on Africa**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice that the September 28, 1995 meeting of the Trade Advisory Committee on Africa will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public from 1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SUMMARY: The Trade Advisory Committee on Africa will hold a meeting on September 28, 1995 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The meeting will be closed from 11:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. when the meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Pursuant to Section 2155(f)(2) of Title 19 of the United States Code, I have determined that this portion of the meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy, priorities, negotiating objectives or bargaining positions with respect to the operation of any trade agreement and other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation and administration of the trade policy of the United States. The meeting will be open to the public and press from 1:15 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. when trade policy issues will be discussed. Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for September 28, 1995, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Jefferson Hotel at 16th and M Street, Washington, D.C., unless otherwise notified.

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