pursuant to 10 CFR 50.12, an exemption is authorized by law, will not present an undue risk to the public health and safety and is consistent with common defense or security, and is otherwise in the public interest. The Commission has also determined that special circumstances are present as defined in 10 CFR 50.12(a)(2)(ii). The Commission hereby grants the licensee an exemption from the requirement of 10 CFR 50.71(e)(4) to submit updates to the BSEP FSAR within six months of each outage. The licensee will be required to submit updates to the BSEP FSAR once per fuel cycle (based upon the Unit 1 refueling outage schedule). With the current length of fuel cycles, FSAR updates would be submitted every 18 months, but not to exceed 24 months from the last submittal.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 51.32, the Commission has determined that granting of this exemption will have no significant effect on the quality of the human environment (60 FR 64456). This exemption is effective upon issuance.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland this 21st day of December 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Steven A. Varga,

Director, Division of Reactor Projects—I/II, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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[Docket Nos. STN 50–454 and STN 50–455]

Commonwealth Edison Company (Byron Station, Units 1 and 2) Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (the Commission) is considering issuance of an exemption to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–37 and NPF–66, issued to Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd, the licensee), for operation of the Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Ogle County, Illinois.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of Proposed Action

The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for an exemption from certain requirements of 10 CFR 73.55, ''Requirements for Physical Protection of Licensed Activities in Nuclear Power Reactors Against Radiological Sabotage.'' The requested exemption would allow the implementation of a hand geometry biometric system off site access control in conjunction with photograph identification badges, and would allow the badges to be taken off site.

The Need for the Proposed Action

Pursuant to 10 CFR 73.55(a), the licensee is required to establish and maintain an onsite physical protection system and security organization.

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

Currently unescorted access for both employee and contractor personnel into the Byron Station, Units 1 and 2, is controlled through the use of picture badges. Positive identification of personnel who are authorized and request access into the protected area is established by security personnel making a visual comparison of the individual requesting access and that individual's picture badge. The picture badges are issued, sorted, and retrieved at the entrance/exit location to the protected area. In accordance with 10 CFR 73.55(d)(5), contractor personnel are not allowed to take their picture badges off site. In addition, in accordance with plant's physical security plan, the licensee's employees are also not allowed to take their picture badges off site. The licensee proposes to implement an alternative unescorted access control system which would eliminate the need to issue and retrieve picture badges at the entrance/exit location to the protected area. The proposal would also allow contractors who have unescorted access to keep their picture badges in their possession when departing the Byron site. In addition, the site security plans will be revised to allow implementation of the hand geometry system and to allow employees and contractors with unescorted access to keep their picture badges in their possession when leaving the Byron site.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action.

The Commission has completed its evaluation of the proposed action. In addition to their picture badges, all individuals with authorized unescorted access will have the physical characteristics of their hand (hand geometry) registered with their picture badge number in a computerized access control system. Therefore, all authorized individuals must not only have their picture badges to gain access into the protected area, but must also have their hand geometry confirmed.

All other access processes, including search function capability and access revocation, will remain the same. A security officer responsible for access control will continue to be positioned within a bullet-resistant structure. The proposed system is only for individuals with authorized unescorted access and will not be used for individuals requiring escorts.

The underlying purpose for requiring that individuals not employed by the licensee must receive and return their picture badges at the entrance/exit is to provide reasonable assurance that the access badges could not be compromised or stolen with a resulting risk that an unauthorized individual could potentially enter the protected area. Although the proposed exemption will allow individuals to take their picture badges off site, the proposed measures require not only that the picture badge be provided for access to the protected area, but also that verification of the hand geometry registered with the badge be performed as discussed above. Thus, the proposed system provides an identity verification process that is equivalent to the existing process.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that the exemption to allow individuals not employed by the licensee to take their picture badges off site will not result in an increase in the risk that an unauthorized individual could potentially enter the protected area. Consequently, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological impacts associated with the proposed action.

The proposed exemption does not affect non-radiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant non-radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Alternatives to the Proposed Action

Since the Commission has concluded there is no measurable environmental impact associated with the proposed action, any alternatives with equal or greater environmental impact need not be evaluated. The principal alternative to the proposed action would be to deny the requested action. Denial of the requested action would not significantly enhance the environment in that the

proposed action will result in a process that is equivalent to the existing identification verification process.

Alternative Use of Resources

This action does not involve the use of any resources not previously considered in the Final Environmental Statement for the Byron Station, Units 1 and 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its state policy, on December 20, 1995, the staff consulted with the Illinois State official, Mr. Frank Niziolek, Head, Reactor Safety Section; Division of Engineering; 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 foregoing 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 exemption.

For further details with respect to this action, see the licensee's letter dated November 6, 1995, which is available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW., Washington, DC, and at the local public document room located at the Byron Public Library, 109 N. Franklin, P.O. Box 434, Byron, Illinois.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 22nd day of December 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Robert A. Capra,

Director, Project Directorate III–2, Division of Reactor Projects—III/IV Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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

AGENCY: U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment. The NRC hereby informs potential respondents that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and that a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. Type of submission: Revision.
2. The title of the information collection: 10 CFR 35.32 and 35.33, ''Quality Management Program and Misadministrations''.
3. The form number if applicable: Not applicable.
4. How often the collection is required: One time submittal of a quality management program (QMP) for each existing and new licensee, when the QMP is modified, or when new modalities (uses) are added to an existing license. Misadministrations are reported as they occur. Records of written directives, administered dose or dosage, an annual review of the QMP, and recordable events must be maintained in auditable form for 3 years and misadministrations for 5 years.
5. Who will be required or asked to report: 10 CFR Part 35 licensees and equivalent Agreement State licensees who use byproduct material in limited diagnostic and therapeutic ranges.
6. An estimate of the number of responses: 3825.
7. The estimated number of annual respondents: 6388.
8. An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request: Approximately 51,778 hours (reporting: 38,706 hrs/yr and recordkeeping: 13,072 hrs/yr).
9. An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Pub. L. 104–13 applies: applicable.
10. Abstract: In the medical use of byproduct material, there have been instances where byproduct material was not administered as intended or administered to a wrong individual which resulted in unnecessary exposures or inadequate or incorrect diagnostic or therapeutic procedures. The most frequent causes of these incidents were: insufficient supervision, deficient procedures, failure to follow procedures, and inattention to detail. To reduce the frequency of such events, the NRC requires licensees to implement a quality management program (10 CFR 35.32) to provide high confidence that byproduct material or radiation from byproduct material will be administered as directed by an authorized user physician.

Records and reports to NRC are required for certain errors in the administration of limited diagnostic and therapeutic quantities of byproduct material by medical use licensees. Section 35.33 clarifies these requirements to avoid confusion over whether certain events should be reported to NRC and to help ensure that the licensee is in compliance with the requirements. NRC has a responsibility to inform the medical community of generic issues identified in the NRC review of misadministrations.

NRC has revised the definition for ''misadministration'' in 10 CFR 35.2, ''Definitions.'' The revision considerably reduces the number of ''errors'' that must be reported to the NRC or an Agreement State.

Collection of this information will enable the NRC to ascertain whether misadministrations are investigated by the licensee and that corrective action is taken.

A copy of the submittal may be viewed free of charge at the NRC Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, NW, (Lower Level), Washington, DC. Members of the public who are in the Washington, DC, area can access the submittal via modem on the Public Document Room Bulletin Board (NRC's Advanced Copy Document Library) NRC subsystem at FedWorld, 703–321–3339. Members of the public who are located outside of the Washington, DC, area can dial FedWorld, 1–800–303–9672, or use the FedWorld Internet address: fedworld.gov (Telnet). The document will be available on the bulletin board for 30 days after the signature date of this notice. If assistance is needed in accessing the document, please contact the FedWorld help desk at 703–487–4608.

Comments and questions should be directed to the OMB reviewer by January 29, 1996: Troy Hillier, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (3150–0171), NEOB–10202, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

Comments can also be submitted by telephone at (202) 395–3084.

The NRC Clearance Officer is Brenda Jo. Shelton, (301) 415–7233.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 27th day of December 1995.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Gerald F. Cranford,

Designated Senior Official for Information Resources Management.

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