

The change will not increase the probability or consequences of accidents, no changes are being made in the types of any effluents that may be released offsite, and there is no significant increase in the allowable individual or cumulative occupational radiation exposure. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed action involves features located entirely within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Accordingly, the Commission concludes that there are no significant nonradiological 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. As an alternative to the proposed action, the staff considered denial of the proposed action. 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 for the Prairie Island Nuclear Generating Plant, Unit Nos. 1 and 2.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, the NRC staff consulted with the Minnesota State official, Mr. Michael McCarthy of the Department of Public Services, on May 5, 1997, regarding the proposed actions. Mr. McCarthy 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 28, 1995, as revised February 21, 1997, which are 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 room located at the Minneapolis Public Library, Technology and Science Department, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 4th day of June 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Notice of Issuance of Staff's Safety Evaluation on DOE's Report on Tritium-Producing Burnable Absorber Rod Lead Test Assemblies

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is considering the use of commercial light water reactors to produce tritium in order to maintain the strategic stockpile. On December 4, 1996, as revised on March 17, 1997, DOE submitted a report to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) entitled, "Report on the Evaluation of the Tritium Producing Burnable Absorber Rod Lead Test Assembly." This report contained information to allow the NRC staff to determine whether the use of a commercial light-water reactor to irradiate a limited number of tritium-producing burnable absorber rods (TPBARs) in lead test assemblies (LTAs) requires prior NRC review and approval. The NRC staff has reviewed the DOE report and has prepared its safety evaluation.

The staff's safety evaluation concludes that DOE's proposal involves at least one issue requiring prior Commission review and approval; therefore, an NRC licensee seeking to perform the LTA irradiation must submit an amendment to its facility operating license prior to placing the TPBAR LTAs in the reactor core. The staff's safety evaluation is being published as NUREG-1607, "Safety Evaluation Report Related to the Department of Energy's Proposal for the Irradiation of Lead Test Assemblies Containing Tritium-Producing Burnable Absorber Rods in Commercial Light-Water Reactors."

NUREG-1607 is available for public inspection and copying for a fee at the Commission's Public Document Room,

the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street (Lower Level), NW., Washington, DC. Printed copies of NUREG-1607 are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, P. O. Box 37082, Washington, DC 20402-9328.

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Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 2nd day of June, 1997.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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PEACE CORPS

Information Collection Requests Under OMB Review

ACTION: Notice of public use form review request to the Office of Management and Budget.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1981 (44 USC, Chapter 35), the Peace Corps is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget for the continued use of the RPCV County Survey to be used by the World Wise Schools (WWS) program. A copy of the information collection may be obtained from Alyce P. Hill, Office of World Wise Schools, Peace Corps, 1990 K St., NW, Washington DC 20525. Ms. Hill may be contacted at (202) 606-3294. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR Part 1320.10; the initial notice was published in the **Federal Register** on April 16, 1997 (pp. 18659), during which time no comments were received by the agency. Peace Corps invites comments on whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for proper performance of the functions of the Peace Corps, including whether the information will have practical use; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and, ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection