10 CFR 2.1305. The Commission will consider and, if appropriate, respond to these comments, but such comments will not otherwise constitute part of the decisional record. Comments should be submitted to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff, and should cite the publication date and page number of this **Federal Register** notice.

For further details with respect to this action, see the application dated March 6, 2001, and supplement dated April 4, 2001, available for public inspection at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland, 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 20th day of April 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket Nos. 50–338 and 50–339]

Virginia Electric and Power Company; North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2; Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is considering issuance of an amendment to Facility Operating License Nos. NPF–4 and NPF–7, issued to Virginia Electric and Power Company (the licensee), for operation of the North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2, located in Louisa County, Virginia.

Environmental Assessment

Identification of the Proposed Action

The proposed action would increase the limit on the fuel enrichment from the current limit of 4.3 weight percent U^{235} to a maximum of 4.6 weight percent U^{235}, establish boron concentration and fuel storage restrictions for the Spent Fuel Pool (SFP), and eliminate the value of uncertainties in the calculation for K_{eff} in the SFP criticality calculation. The proposed action is in accordance with the licensee's application for amendments dated September 27, 2000, as supplemented November 21 and December 18, 2000, and February 2, and March 2, 2001.

The Need for the Proposed Action

The proposed action to increase fuel enrichment will reduce the need for extended periods of reduced power operation at the end of each operating cycle and permit fuel discharge burnups more compatible with the current maximum rod burnup limit of 60,000 MWD/MTU. This action will help optimize fuel cycle costs while satisfying the safety limits. Currently, Technical Specification (TS) 5.3, ''Reactor Core,'' limits the use of reload fuel to a maximum enrichment of 4.3 weight percent U^{235}. Thus, the proposed change to the TS was requested.

Environmental Impacts of the Proposed Action

The NRC has completed its evaluation of the proposed action and concludes that the storage and use of fuel enriched with U^{235} up to 4.6 weight percent at North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2, is acceptable. The safety considerations associated with higher enrichments have been evaluated by the staff, and the staff has concluded that such changes would not adversely affect plant safety. The proposed changes have no effect on the probability of any accident. There will be no change to the authorized power level. There is no change to the allowable maximum rod burnup limit of 60,000 MWD/MTU, already approved for North Anna Power Station, Units 1 and 2. As a result, there is no significant increase in individual or cumulative radiation exposure.

The environmental impacts of transportation resulting from the use of higher enrichment fuel and extended irradiation are discussed in the staff assessment entitled, ''NRC Assessment of the Environmental Effects of Transportation Resulting from Extended Fuel Enrichment and Irradiation.'' This assessment was published in the **Federal Register** on August 11, 1988 (53 FR 30355), as corrected on August 24, 1988 (53 FR 32322), in connection with the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant, Unit 1, Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact. As indicated therein, the environmental cost contribution of an increase in fuel enrichment of up to 5.0 weight percent U^{235} and irradiation limits up to 60,000 MWD/MTU are either unchanged, or may in fact be reduced from those summarized in Table S–4 as set forth in 10 CFR 51.52(c). Therefore, there are no significant radiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

With regard to potential nonradiological impacts, the proposed changes involve systems located within the restricted area as defined in 10 CFR Part 20. The proposed action does not involve any historic sites. It does not affect nonradiological plant effluents and has no other environmental impact. Therefore, there are no significant nonradiological environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Accordingly, the NRC concludes that there are no significant 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 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—Operating License (FES-OL), dated April 1973 for the North Anna Power Station.

Agencies and Persons Consulted

In accordance with its stated policy, on March 22, 2001 the staff consulted with the Virginia State official, Mr. Les Foldesi of the Virginia Department of Health regarding the environmental impact of the proposed action. The State official had no comments.

Finding of No Significant Impact

On the basis of the environmental assessment, the NRC concludes that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Accordingly, the NRC has determined not to prepare an environmental impact statement for the proposed amendments.

For further details with respect to the proposed action, see the licensee's letter dated September 27, 2000, as supplemented November 21 and December 18, 2000, and February 2 and March 2, 2001. Documents may be examined, and/or copied for a fee, at the NRC's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike (first floor), Rockville, Maryland. Publicly available records will be accessible electronically from the ADAMS Public Library component on the NRC Web site, *http://www.nrc.gov* (the Electronic Reading Room).

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 19th day of April 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Revision of Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors: Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued Supplement 1 to Revision 8 of NUREG–1021, ''Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors,'' (formerly ''Operator Licensing Examiner Standards''). The Commission uses NUREG–1021 to provide policy and guidance for the development, administration, and grading of written examinations and operating tests used to determine the qualifications of individuals who apply for operator and senior operator licenses at nuclear power plants pursuant to part 55 of Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR part 55). NUREG–1021 provides similar guidance for verifying the continued qualifications of licensed operators when the staff determines that NRC requalification examinations are necessary.

NUREG–1021 has been revised to implement a number of clarifications and enhancements that have been identified since Revision 8 was published in April 1999. A draft of Supplement 1 was issued for comment on March 20, 2000 (65 FR 15020), and an addendum, which extended the comment period until October 31, 2000, was issued on July 17, 2000 (65 FR 44080). A summary of the comments regarding draft Supplement 1 and the NRC staff's response to those comments is available in the NRC Public Electronic Reading Room (*http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/ADAMS/index.html*/Accession Number ML010580481).

The notable changes in Supplement 1 include: (1) Clarified guidance to ensure that the topics and questions for the written examination are selected in a systematic and random manner making it possible to relax the limits on question repetition from recent examinations and to increase the upper limit on the number of questions that may be taken directly from a bank of previously-used questions; (2) updated guidelines related to the training and qualification of operator license applicants in order to conform with Revision 3 of Regulatory Guide 1.8, ''Qualification and Training of Personnel for Nuclear Power Plants,'' which was published in May 2000; and (3) clarified guidance for documenting NRC staff concerns related to draft examination quality.

Supplement 1 to Revision 8 will become effective for operator licensing examinations that are confirmed 60 or more days after the date of this notice by issuance of an official corporate notification letter or at an earlier date agreed upon by the facility licensee and its NRC Regional Office. After the effective date, facility licensees that elect to prepare their examinations will be expected do so based on the guidance in Supplement 1 to Revision 8 of NUREG–1021, unless the NRC has reviewed and approved the facility licensee's alternative examination procedures.

Copies of Supplement 1 to Revision 8 of NUREG–1021 are being mailed to the plant or site manager at each nuclear power facility regulated by the NRC. A copy is available for inspection and/or copying for a fee in the NRC's Public Document Room, Washington, DC. NUREG–1021 is also electronically available for downloading from the NRC's operator licensing web site (*http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/REACTOR/OL/OLguidance.html*). If you do not have electronic access to NRC documents, you may request a single copy of Supplement 1 by writing to the Office of the Chief Information Officer, Reproduction and Distribution Services Section, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001 (facsimile: 301–512–2289). Telephone requests cannot be accommodated. NUREG documents are not copyrighted, and Commission approval is not required to reproduce them.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 17th day of April 2001.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Glenn M. Tracy,

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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

ACTION: Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), agencies are required to publish a Notice in the **Federal Register** notifying the public that the Agency is preparing an information collection request for OMB review and approval and to request public review and comment on the submission. Comments are being solicited on the need for the information, its practical utility, the accuracy of the Agency's burden estimate, and on ways to minimize the reporting burden, including automated collection techniques and uses of other forms of technology. The proposed form under review is summarized below.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 25, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the subject form and the request for review prepared for submission to OMB may be obtained from the Agency Submitting Officer. Comments on the form should be submitted to the Agency Submitting Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *OPIC Agency Submitting Officer:* Carol Brock, Records Manager, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20527; 202/336–8563.

Summary of Form Under Review

Type of Request: Form Renewal.

Title: Project Information Report.

Form Number: OPIC–71.

Frequency of Use: No more than once per contract.

Type of Respondents: Business or other institutions (except farms).

Standard Industrial Classification Codes: All.

Description of Affected Public: U.S. companies investing overseas.

Reporting Hours: 7 hours per project.

Number of Responses: 25 per year.

Federal Cost: $1,600 per year.

Authority for Information Collection: Title 22 U.S.C. 2191(k)(2) and 2199(h) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Abstract (Needs and Uses): The project information report is necessary to elicit and record the information on the developmental, environmental, and U.S. economic effects of OPIC-assisted projects. The information will be used by OPIC's staff and management solely